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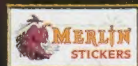
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Well, do we have a bargain for you! Just by reading this issue of DMAG you have qualified for an exclusive six-step course on how to be a spy – brought to you from the good people at Spies R Us. Oh by the way here is the 'secret' code that you need to decipher if you've done the course:

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If you haven't found it already, the course is on page 22. While you're at it, check out our fantastic Spy Kids 2 competition on page 13, you'll be blown away.

Speaking of competitions, the best one ever is on page 36. You could win a trip to Sea World for all the family!

And as if that isn't enough, we have heaps of other fab stories for you in this issue. Like The Lord of the Rings feature, our massive Simpsons holiday quiz and our groovy Saddle Club snaps – we visited the set! Plus we meet Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Abs, Daniel Bedingfield, Terri Irwin (the Crocodile Hunter's wife) and Kyle Hebert (the voice of Teen Gohan in DBZ). And we welcome the return of Angela Anaconda – there are four whole pages of her!

Hope you all have a great summer holiday,

Bye!

Dorothy



Heartkids

We sometimes take our health for granted, imagining we're invincible! But some kids, like Daniel Brown, have a tougher time with their health. Daniel was born with a congenital heart condition, and tragically died earlier this year. His parents organised a fundraiser for Heartkids in his memory this month, which DMAG was happy to help out with. Heartkids provides support and information for families like Daniel's.

For more information see www.heartkidsnsw.org.au

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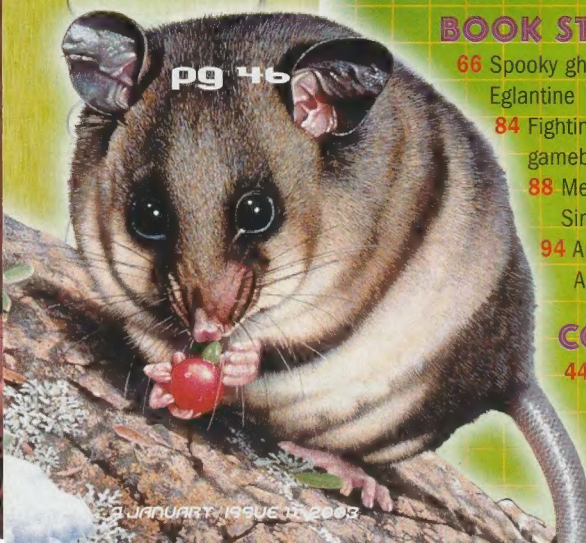
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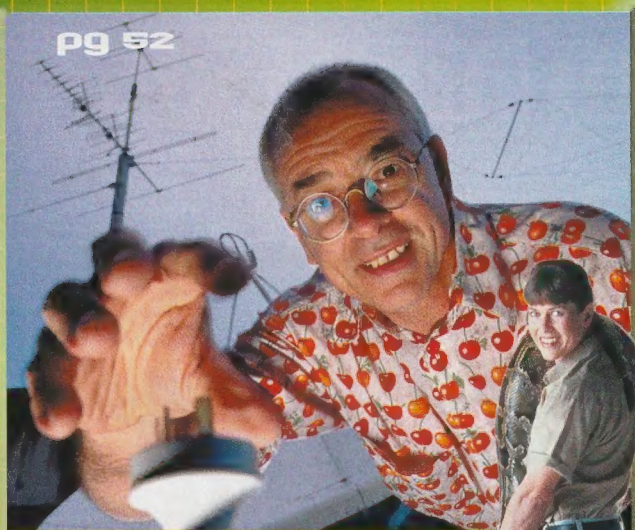
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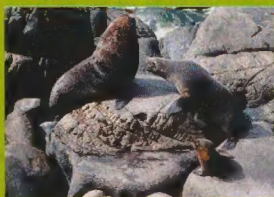
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DID YOU LIKE THE QUOLL ON THE COVER?

When baby eastern quolls become too big for the pouch they sometimes ride on their mother's back. See page 48 for more quolls! *Illustration by Kevin Stead from photo by Mitch Reardon.*



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WRITE THEN

DMAG OUT AND ABOUT!

Yes we've been meeting some interesting characters yet again at DMAG. Here I am with Kyle Hebert - the voice of Teen Gohan on DBZ - and Keenan MacWilliams who plays Carole in The Saddle Club. Plus check out the cool basilisk creations you guys have sent us - wow! Send your letters, pictures, and drawings to:
DMAG Letters, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084.



Jasper Milton



Jessica Mason



Emily Malone



DEAR DMAG,

I've got two of your issues and I'm trying to collect them all. It's the best magazine in the world. My FAVOURITE thing is the comics and the Harry Potter secrets. Also the posters and EVERYTHING keep the good work up
Laura Nicol age 11

DEAR DMAG,

I'm new to this magazine because I've only read 2 issues but both of them were fantastic!!! DMAG is the best magazine around! My favourite things about DMAG are the comics - actually the whole lot is good. It's got the best comps and the best book reads there are! I'm sure every DMAG fan would agree with me because it is perfectly true, DMAG is the best and there's no denying the fact!

From Laura age 11

DEAR DMAG,

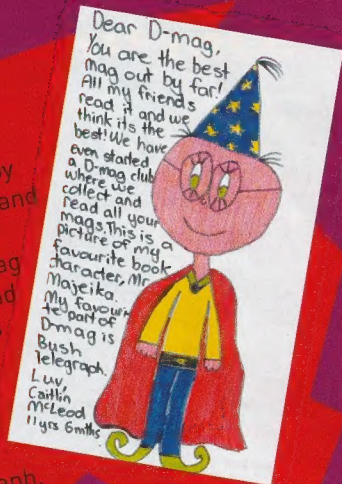
I have been reading your mag for about 2 years. I would like to thank all the people that work so hard to get it to everyone! Every time I go to the newsagency I ask if it's in yet. I hope you like my stories and pictures. You rule the earth and I hope you never stop! If you stop making DMAG I will cry my heart out!

From your number 1 fan
Ingrid Smith

DEAR DMAG,

You are the best mag out by far! All my friends read it and we think it's the best! We have even started a D-mag club where we collect and read all your mags. This is a picture of my favourite book character, Mr Majeika. My favourite part of DMAG is Bush Telegraph.

Luv,
Caitlin McLeod, NZ



DEAR DMAG,

My name is Cameron and I am 9 years old. I don't have many issues, but plan to get them all! I like all the competitions in the mag. Your mag rocks, Read ya later!

Cameron Swift



Sam Coward

DEAR DMAG,

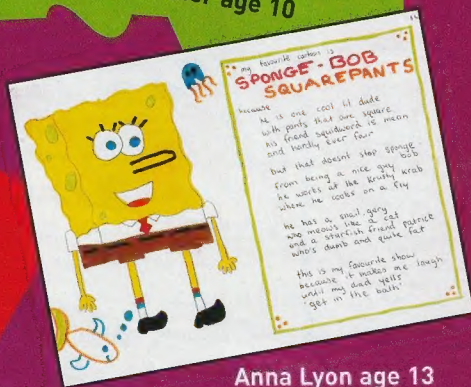
I think that DMAGs are cool! I really like the Harry Potter stuff and all the prizes you can win. The puzzles are fun to work out. I'm looking forward to your next DMAG. DMAGs are really good and interesting to read. I think the gross facts and animal information pages are excellent. I also love the free things that come with DMAG. Thanks for a great mag.

From **Liana Neldner age 10**

Pokémon
Pikachu #125

DEAR DMAG,

Here is a picture of Pikachu.
Love Bronagh



Anna Lyon age 13

All letters published on this page will get a cool prize!

Everything you need to know this month ...

January/February

1 New Years Day

1 Spy Kids 2 in cinemas

6-23 Wookiee Call Competition at the Powerhouse

6-15 Build a robot at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney

3 J.R.R. Tolkien's birthday

6 Rowan Atkinson's (Mr Bean) Birthday

8 Elvis Presley's birthday

13-26 Tennis - Australian Open Melbourne

15-17 Elmo visits Melbourne to launch the new Sesame Street!

18 Lord of the Ringed Planets. See the mightiest of the ringed planets, Saturn, at the Sydney Observatory between 8.30 and 11pm. www.phm.gov.au/observe

19 The Big Day Out kicks off its tour of Australian cities in

Brisbane, before heading south to

Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

25-27 Disney Channel Australia Day Marathon kicks off on Saturday with 24 hours of Timon and Pumba, followed by 24 hours of Recess and 24 hours of 101 Dalmations!

26 Australia Day

26 The Australia Day Surfboard Challenge

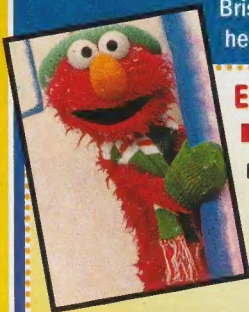
28 Elijah Wood turns 22 today

28 Nick Carter turns 23

28 Allan Border Medal

31 Justin Timberlake turns 22

2 Feb Totally Twisted! In Sydney and Melbourne there's a Guinness World Record attempt at the biggest game of Twister ever. Phone 1300 1634 272 for venue details.



ELMO'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

■ Elmo's gonna to move out of Elmo's World and move on to Elmo's Universe.

■ Elmo's gonna try and lay off that crazy alphabet for a while.

■ Elmo's gonna leave the important decisions to Elmo's goldfish Dorothy.

■ Elmo's gonna try counting to twenty-one this year.

■ Elmo promises to play with everyone and hopes that people everywhere will all play with each other.

P.S. Elmo will see you in Australia this month!

Meet Darth Vader face to face

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Darth Vader in the
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Become a
Jedi. Make and
wear your own
Jedi braid

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LEGO™
masterpieces at
activity
stations

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your best
Wookiee cry
to win a
prize

Create
Queen Amidala
paper dolls

Use the FORCE to get to the Powerhouse Museum before
Star Wars: The Magic of Myth closes on 2 February.

Call (02) 9217 0322 for the full program of school holiday activities including dates, times and prices.
Extra admission charges apply to *Star Wars: The Magic of Myth*.

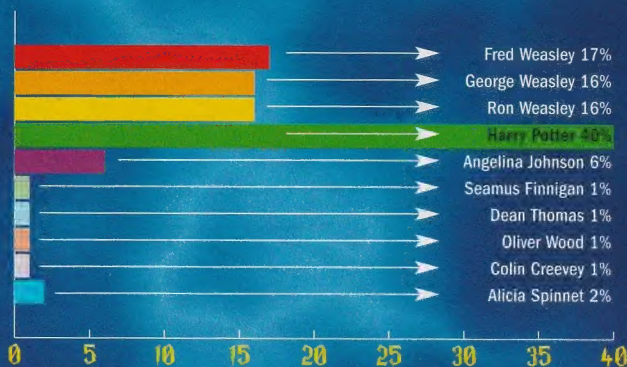
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POTTER THEORIES

In our October issue we asked who you thought would be the next Gryffindor Quidditch captain, and we've had so many interesting answers we thought we'd tally them! As you can see most votes went to Harry, with Fred Weasley nudging out George for second place. Would Harry really have enough time to be Quidditch captain though? What with fighting Voldemort and all that? Here's some of the most interesting theories:

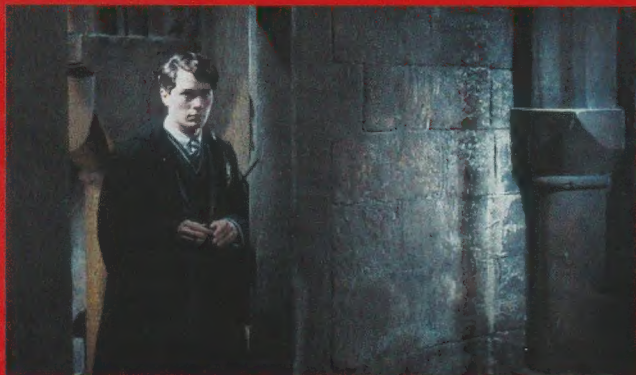


I think the next Quidditch captain would be one of the Weasley twins or Harry Potter. Fred or George because they may have tricked someone into making

them captain and Harry because he's the best seeker and his dad was a seeker before him.

Your No. 1 fan, Stephani Obligacion Age 10.

POTTER GOSSIP



20 Ways to Annoy Voldemort

Or, 20 ways to considerably shorten your lifespan

1. Ask him why he doesn't have such a cool scar.

2. Greet him in the mornings with a sarcastic 'My sir, you look particularly menacing

today.'

3. Smile during Death-Eater meetings and say you taught him everything he knows.

4. Ask him when was the last time he took a bath.

5. Pat him on the head and give him flowers when his plans are foiled yet again.

6. If you ever need to say 'Like taking candy from a baby', be sure to add 'Of course, SOME of us might find that harder than others.' Stare pointedly at him.

7. Call him 'The-man-



since it was always 'Harry Harry Harry'. Harry gives him the job as keeper and his place as captain, finally finishing Ron's dream.

By Clive Ng Age 10 3/4.

Angelina Johnson will be the next Quidditch captain because Oliver Wood, in Book 2, showed a liking for her and in

Book 5 he will go to Hogwarts for a few minutes to tell her to take his place as captain.

Sean Mackey Age 9 1/2.

Harry Potter, because Wood leaves when Harry is in Year four, and there's no Quidditch Cup in Year four, but in Year five Harry will become Quidditch captain and they'll find a new seeker. It says it right here in Quidditch Through The Ages!

Ruby Bouwsema Age 9.

I think the new Quidditch captain might be Harry. The team knows that Harry is a good seeker and loyal to his teammates. But I think that Harry gives his place as captain to Ron when he finds out that Ron is jealous. And

These clever theorists have won a copy of So You Think You Know Harry Potter? For your chance to win a copy, send us your theories to this month's question: Is Harry the heir of Godric Gryffindor? Send your theories, along with your name, address, age and phone number to: Harry Potter Theories, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

who-let-the-boy-own

8. Throw that you have died chunks of cheese with more curdling plans than to.

9. Be cheerful.

10. Roll your eyes during plotting sessions and say things under your breath like 'You're the boss, boss, go 'til it's your funeral'.

11. Taunt him about his middle name... 'Mervin'? What's that, a washing detergent?

12. Magic mirror. Better, says glasses to him while he sleeps.

13. Exclaim sarcastically 'You're breakin' my little heart here, dark lord

whenever he starts to talk of what has caused him to become who he is.

14. Encourage him to 'Think happy thoughts'.

15. Ask him to give you written summaries of his winter jobs for rewards and with correct his spelling.

16. Mock his choice of 'Gorri' as a friend.

17. If he's having difficulties break in and tell him scheming with me. 'Who'd him Zoro's a right told he how to live.

This most certainly will succeed when he gets angry, and say you 'I thought you were asleep'.

18. Say he 'deserted from school the night'.

19. Start growing antlers or growing snakes in his chest, or tell 'Star Wars'. Talk at great length.

20. Impose his death. Eaters into a mad dog. 'Phew'. All things. Bright and beautiful.

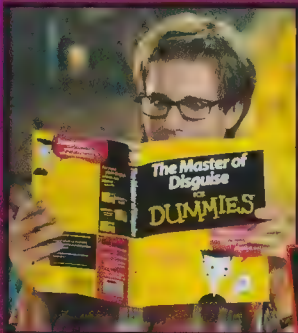
We found these 20 ways on the Internet.
There's loads more at
<http://www.mugglest.com/50anvyl.html>



LIKE MIKE

Vertically challenged Calvin Cambridge (Lil Bow Wow) is headed for NBA stardom after he laces up a mysterious pair of old sneakers inscribed with the faded initials MJ – are they Michael Jordan's? Anyway, they seem to have a magical effect.

THE MASTER OF DISGUISE



There are lots of funny faces, lots of funny voices and - most of all - lots and lots of fart jokes in this film. Could you want for anything more?

LORD OF THE RINGS

Can our heroes save Middle Earth? Will the Hobbits fulfil their quest? Part two in this

amazing series is once more totally AWESOME. There's lots of new characters



and creatures to get your head around too - like the Ents and the Wargs - see page 14 for more!

OSS Special Memoranda

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SECURITY LEVEL: Super Ultra Top Secret.

SUPERAGENTS INVOLVED: Cortez Family, every single one of them, including Gregorio, Ingrid, Carmen and Juni and Grandparents.

BRIEF: The world is in trouble again and no one can save it, except the Cortezes.

ANALYSIS: Sure, Carmen and Juni got their parents out of a big jam on their last assignment. But are they ready for the biggest adventure of their lives - for far wilder inventions, even cooler gadgets and much higher stakes? We think so.

Outcome: Wicked! Spy Kids 2 is every bit as good as the first one!



COMING SOON...

Another super hero is set to hit the big screens around Easter time - Daredevil! It stars Ben Affleck, wearing a rather slinky looking red leather number as this all time Marvel favourite. More soon!

SPY KIDS 2

THE ISLAND OF LOST DREAMS

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WIN! Spy Kids 2 Freebies!

Be one of the first kids in your school to see Spy Kids 2, with our MEGA giveaway. We've got 40 family passes to give away to you lucky DMAG readers!!



To win, design us a winning Spy Kids 2 gadget, and send it to:

Spy Kids 2 Competition,
PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084.

Competition closes January 15th. Competition valid for Australian residents only. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

Two Towers New Faces

We see some new characters introduced in the second Lord Of The Rings film, so who are they all? DMAG has a Who's Who for you!

Faramir

Faramir (David Wenham) is from the House Of Gondor and the brother of Boromir, who was killed by Uruk-hai trying to save the Hobbits. Faramir vows to complete his brother's mission to return the ring to Gondor.

Eomer

Eomer is an orphan and the nephew of Theoden. He leads the men of Rohan into battle, and helps persuade his father to dismiss the evil Wormtongue.

Wormtongue

Grima Wormtongue is King Theoden's adviser, but his true master is the wizard Saruman, who wants to conquer Rohan. King Theoden is finally released from his evil spell by Gandalf.

King Theoden

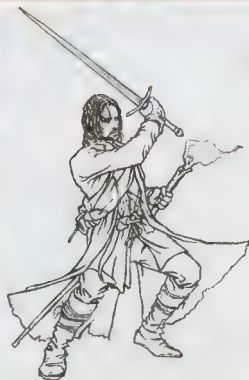
King Theoden is the leader of the Horsemen of Rohan, and was once a great warrior king, but his spirit is broken. His son Theodred is killed by the Orcs.

Eowyn

Eowyn is Eomer's sister. She mourns the death of her cousin Theodred and now worries for the safety of her brother. She is pestered by the loathsome Wormtongue.

COLOUR IN TO WIN THE RING!

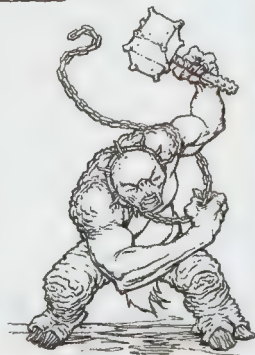
Win a Lord of the Rings Special Extended Edition DVD pack worth over \$86! Colour in our pic and send it along with your name, address, age and phone number to: Lord of the Rings Competition, PO Box 321 Terry Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions



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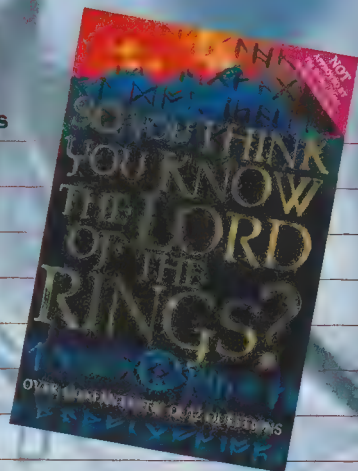
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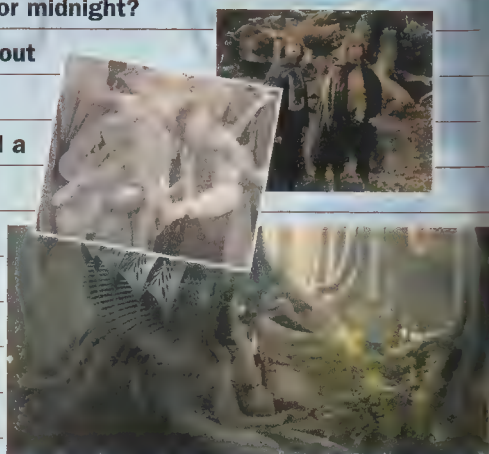
ROADSHOW
ENTERTAINMENT

So you think you know The Lord Of The Rings?

**Test your knowledge of The Two Towers with this cool quiz,
taken from the fab new book: So You Think
You Know The Lord Of The Rings.**

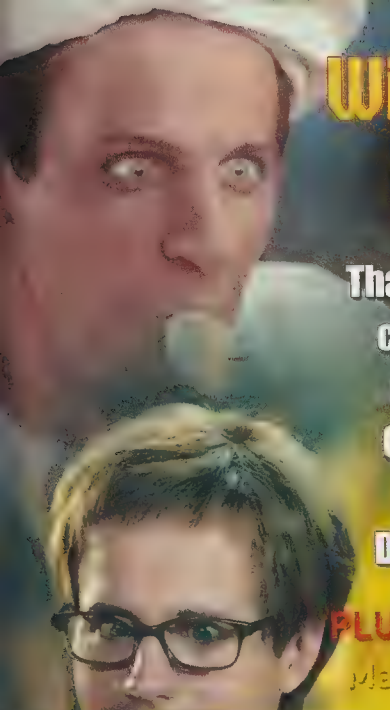


- 1 Which evil power claimed lordship over the lands of the riders of Rohan?
- 2 Is the Lady of Rohan called Eowyn, Eudor or Elrond?
- 3 What is the name of the city of the Men of Numenor?
- 4 What is a gathering of ents called?
- 5 Theoden left the Hornburg to attack the Isengard forces at dawn, midday, sunset or midnight?
- 6 Which hobbit witnesses Gollum debating out loud whether he should steal the ring?
- 7 Which wizard arrived with Erkenbrand and a thousand men at Helm's Dike?
- 8 The Huorns are related to: ents, orcs, men of Rohan or dwarves?
- 9 What is the name of the sly adviser to Theoden?
- 10 What colour are Saruman's beard and hair?



If you think you can master these ones send us your score out of ten.

We'll send the best 25 entries the whole book! Get your entries in now to LOTR Competition, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. Don't forget your name, address, age and phone number! See page 98 for terms and conditions.



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Thanks to our friends at Columbia Tristar, you can win your very own Master Of Disguise screening party* for you and 25 friends! Come in your favourite disguise to watch the hilarious new film The Master Of Disguise, and we'll provide food and drink.

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TO WIN, design us a disguise that would fool your teacher!



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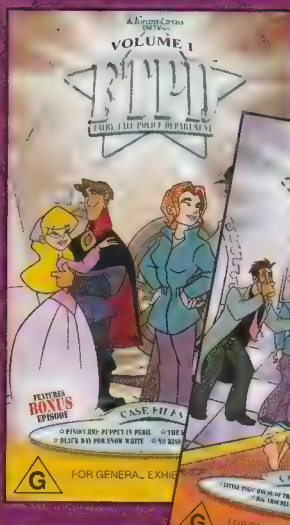


TABALUGA

Tabaluga is a really cute little dragon out to explore and protect his world against the evil Arktos in this part-fable, part-adventure.

FAIRY TALE POLICE

Fairy tales aren't ending the way they're supposed to – Little Red Riding Hood doesn't make it to Grandma's, the Handsome Prince is refusing to kiss Sleeping Beauty... enter the Fairy



Tale Police Department to right all wrongs...

MAX KEEBLE'S BIG MOVE

When the much-bulldozed Max finds out he's moving to a new city in



one week, he decides he has nothing to lose and develops schemes to right all the wrongs

done to him. After a week of pranks, Max finds out the worst news ever – he's not moving after all!

Max Keeble's Big Move
With Major League Talent
in his latest



adventure Air Bud takes up baseball, and finds that he's a natural with major league talent! But mid-season his puppies begin to disappear from their new homes, so it's up to Buddy to find his pups before it's too late!

WIN LIKE MIKE!

TO CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF LIKE MIKE ON 16TH JANUARY, DMAG AND TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX HAVE SOME AWESOME PRIZE PACKS TO GIVE AWAY!

ONE LUCKY DMAG READER will win the Major prize, which includes a Phillips AZ 1148 CD sound-machine, Like Mike mini basketball, Like Mike portable radio, CD soundtrack and an Admit 4 family in-season pass- that's over \$200 worth!

TO WIN – tell us the name of your basketball hero!
Send you entries to: Like Mike Competition, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

PLUS! 15 runners up can win a Like Mike mini basketball, Like Mike portable radio, CD soundtrack and an admit 4 family in-season pass.

**Lil Bow Wow
Jonathan Lipnicki**

LIKEMIKE

His greatest wish
is about to come true...
he's on a path of magic shoes!

IN CINEMAS JANUARY 16TH



Anime Girls!

SAILOR MOON

Two new releases this month from the gals with the big bows and pig-tails!

In *The Doom Tree Strikes*, the evil Anne

POWER yet again as the Sailor Scouts continue to fight the evil minions of the Doom Tree.

SAMURAI GIRL - REALBOUT HIGH SCHOOL

AH MY GODDESS - THE MOVIE

The series *Ah My Goddess* is all about the relationship between a student called Keiichi and a goddess called Belldandy, who met when Keiichi rang a wrong number and got through to the Relief Goddess Office by mistake. In the movie, the evil villain Celestin tries to corrupt the Goddess System and remove Belldandy's memories...

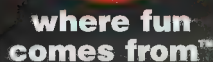


and Alan continue to scheme up new ways to steal the Earth's energy - will the combined power of the Sailor Scouts be enough?

In *The Return Of The Doom Tree*, it's GIRL



Introducing Ryoko, a high school student who also studies Kendo (or the Way of the Sword). Ryoko gets transported to an alternate universe while holding a strange pendant, where she battles beasts, trains with highly skilled swordsmen and manages to maintain her title of martial arts champion. You go girl!



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Spying How to be

So you want to be a spy? Who wouldn't be after seeing James Bond and Spy Kids 2? Follow our tips and become a spy in six easy steps..

1) Code name

OK you don't have a code name yet. That's because you don't know who you're working for do you? I mean is it the CIA, ASIO, Dr Evil or your elder brother? And whose side are you on anyway? Maybe you're just in it for yourself. For the moment you can be Agent Spongepants.

2) Instructions

Agent Spongepants, your mission should you choose to accept it.... wait a minute, how am I going to get this message to you? If the enemy intercepts it the whole mission will be ruined. We need to encrypt the message (that's spy talk for making a code). To decipher my message you'll need a key. Not a real key Spongepants!

Use B =17. Now try to decode the secret message that's been printed in this magazine on the editor's letter page.

3) Equipment

Before you go into enemy territory you're going to need some gadgets. Report to the lab for a magnifying glass, talcum powder, note book, poison-dart-pen, infrared sunglasses, watch-that-is-a-camera, fibre-optic cable, bugging device, mobile phone and anything else Dr Strainbrain can think of.

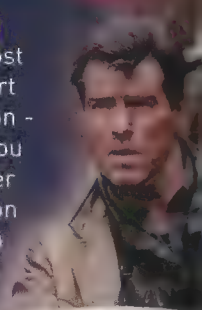
4) Disguises

The idea, when spying, is to melt into the background. You want to look as normal as possible. However, if your cover is blown then you

may need a disguise. We suggest taking a change of clothes, glasses / sunglasses and a cap. Remember this won't work so well if you're spying at a nudist farm (we'd really have to wonder about you then - we'd also have to change your code name to Agent Nopants).

5) Spying

This is the most dangerous part of your mission - but how are you going to gather the information you need? You could shadow the person, take



Disgui a SPY*

photographs from a distance or from a hidden camera, or eavesdrop in person or with a bug. Just remember to be sneaky and observant Agent Spongepants – we're relying on you.

4) Reporting

It's time to report back. Now the phone you're using could be tapped and the enemies' agents maybe on to you. You

could try a radio transmission, or even hide a text message in a JPEG picture and send your report over the Internet.

Once you've successfully reported in you're a fully fledged spy.

*Congratulations Agent
Spongepants!*

self-destruct 10 seconds after you have read this.



SOCK IT TO ME

Sockerino vampires are not known for their fashion sense, but they do like their socks to match. Socks that do not match are always given to the Needy Monsters. How many socks will have to be thrown away?

This puzzle brought to you from the great new book *Creepy Conundrums*, by Rolf Heimann. See page 99 for another great puzzle!

WIN! If you would like to win one of five copies of this book, draw us a maze - the best will win!

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The Simpsons Ma

Which Simpson are you? Take our quiz and find out!

1) *If you could go anywhere for a holiday it would be:*

- a) 70s Retro World
- b) The wilds of Africa
- c) A bird sanctuary
- d) Itchy and Scratchy Land
- e) Sandy Beach

2) *Your teacher, who is surprisingly like Mrs Krabappel, has caught you passing notes in school. Do you:*

- a) Yell D'oh!
- b) Explain that you were exercising your constitutional right to free speech without discriminating against deaf people
- c) Say that there must be some mistake
- d) Blame Milhouse (or a friend that looks like Milhouse)
- e) Spit the dummy

3) *You've been asked to write lines on the blackboard as punishment for passing notes in class. Which of the following lines would you choose to write:*

- a) I will not hang donuts on my person
- b) I will not expose the ignorance of the faculty
- c) I will not listen to my sister's advice
- d) I will not get very far with this attitude
- e) A B C D E F G

4) *Your parents want you to take up another activity after school to improve yourself (as if you could get any better). Which of the following would you choose:*

- a) A 'Cooking with Dough' course
- b) Jazz appreciation classes
- c) Police youth training
- d) Skateboarding survival lessons
- e) Fingerpainting for beginners

5) *Which of the following have you eaten the most of this week:*

- a) Donuts

- b) Tofu
- c) Meatloaf
- d) Slurpees
- e) Mashed banana

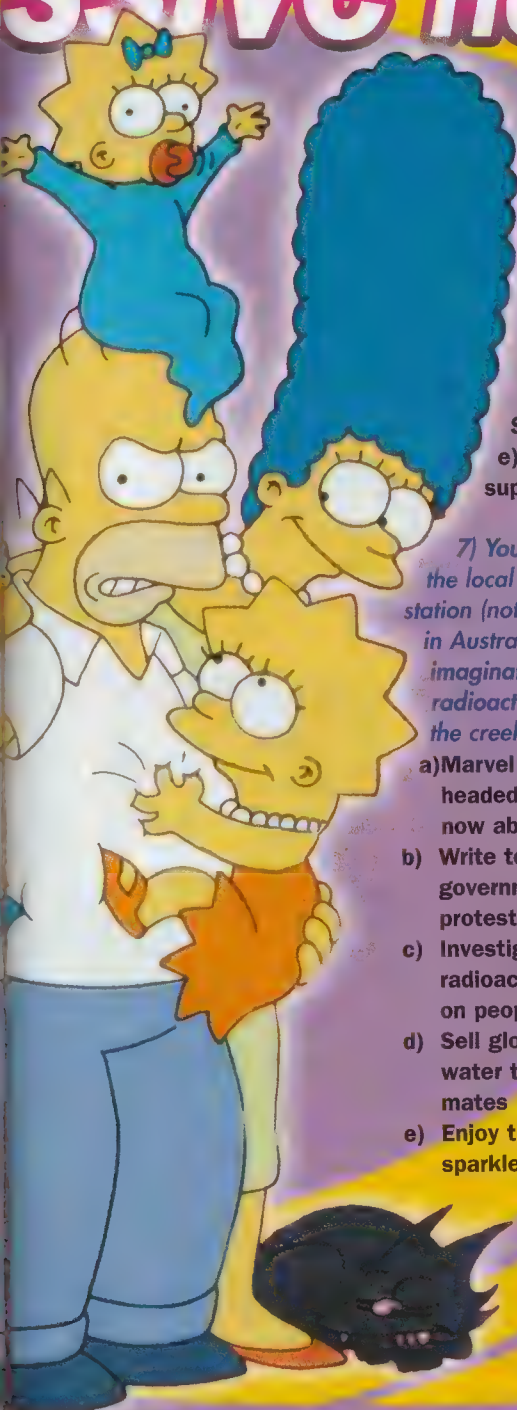
6) *If you could have a wish come true, what would it be:*

- a) A magical buffet that never runs out of food



MATT GROENING

ssive Holiday Quiz



- (think all you can eat for ever)
- b) World peace
 - c) To get rid of violence on TV
 - d) To live in Itchy and Scratchy's world
 - e) A lifetime's supply of lollipops

7) You've discovered the local nuclear power station (note there are none in Australia so use your imagination) is leaking radioactive waste into the creek. Do you:

- a) Marvel at the double-headed fish you are now able to catch
- b) Write to the government and start a protest group
- c) Investigate what effect radioactive waste has on people
- d) Sell glow-in-the-dark water to all your school mates
- e) Enjoy the pretty sparkles in the water

SCORE:

You're heading towards Homer! Don't worry - he's a laid-back kind of guy. Just go easy on those donuts! You'll have a great life.

MOSTLY B's!

Well hello Lisa! You're intelligent, articulate (that means well spoken!) and have a quirky sense of humour. You'll get a lot out of life.

MOSTLY C's:

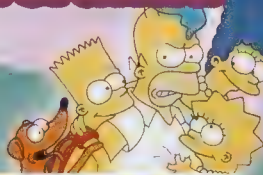
Move over Marge! You're a happy, patient person with a strong sense of what's right and wrong. You'll have a rewarding life.

MOSTLY D's:

By kurumba - you're Bart! Well almost. You've got his cheeky enthusiasm for life and his unique attitude. Your life is going to be action packed.

MOSTLY E's

Hi ya Maggie! Coochie-coochie-coo! Are you sure you were old enough to read this quiz? You're the wild card in the family. Life is going to be one big adventure for you.



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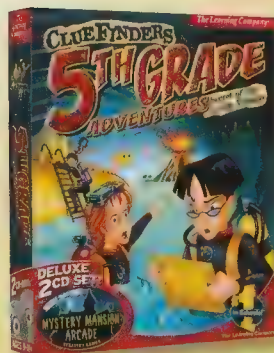
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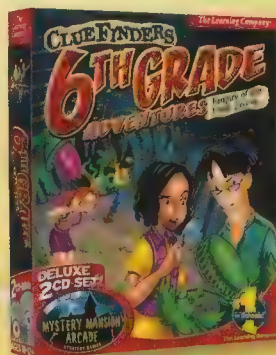
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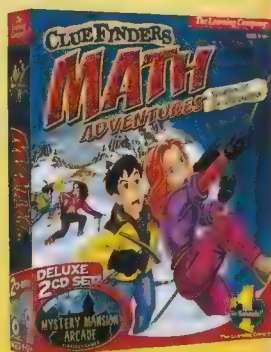
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The Goss on

When Teen Gohan was in Sydney DMAG had to meet him. OK it wasn't Teen Gohan but it was his voice actor – Kyle Hebert. Check it out.



DMAG: How many characters do you voice in Dragonball Z?

KYLE: Teen Gohan and the narrator. I did West Kai and Piccon when they had a small role in the other World Tournament saga. I do bit parts and various unnamed characters. I was the third narrator in Dragonball Z and they decided to keep the voice consistent with the

previous narrators. I was instructed to sound like a monster truck show announcer... (demonstrating) 'On the next Dragonball Z, Gohan goes to high school!'

DMAG: What do you think of Teen Gohan's character?

KYLE: Well he's many things at one time - he's naïve, pure, innocent and very nerdy but he's

also very valiant and his character evolves through the show. Eventually he becomes the most powerful character in the universe, second only to his father Goku. There's a pivotal moment at the World Tournament when he changes from this dorky guy to 'oh you don't want to mess with him' - he transforms into Super Saiya-jin 2.



DMAG: What's been your favourite voice?

KYLE: West Kai - I looked at the character and he was just this short, dumpy, scheming, conniving little guy and the voice that came to my mind was Cartman from South Park. Then I threw in a jowly sort of thing from Droopy... 'hello all you happy people'... that's been a blast to play.

DMAG: Do you practise much?

KYLE: No. I've been a fan of the show since the mid-90s. I used to practise Vegeta and Piccolo back then.

DMAG: How do you get into voice acting?

KYLE: It's hard to break into - it's not impossible. My advice is practise the

Teen Gohan

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voice as much as you can – mimic your favourite cartoon. If you love anime and want to record anime in English one day, tape a scene then play it back with the volume off. See if you can say what that character said and make it match the mouthflap – that is the technical aspect that you have to do if you're anime dubbing.

DMAG: What's the funniest thing that's happened in a recording booth?

KYLE: There was a time when Eric Vale – the voice for Future Trunks – had to scream for so loud and so long that he actually passed out in the booth. I've never passed out but Gohan has to scream. The most powerful move he has is the Kamehameha

wave and I had to do four or five of those in one episode. You're directed to scream at full volume in this tiny enclosed space as loud and long as you can. You can imagine that the lungs start to collapse.

That and getting gassed when you're in a booth.

You can hear Kyle on the new Dragonball Z: Budokai game from Infogrames.



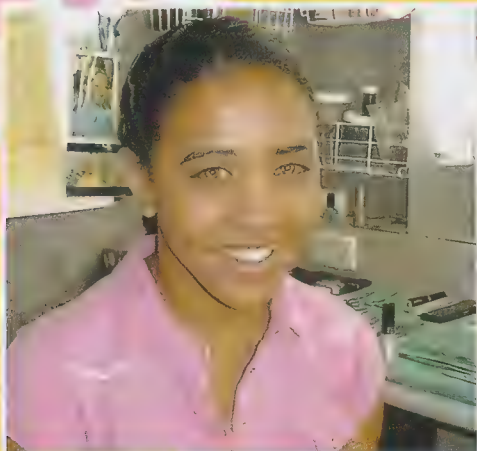
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Proof that I
was on set
- check
out this
room!



How lucky are we! We
visited the Saddle Club
set for the filming of
the second series.

Here are our pics...



Keenan MacWilliams from Ottawa,
Canada plays Carole. Here she is in
the makeup van where we had a little
chat - grab the next issue of DMAG to
find out what we talked about!



Carole and Lisa, played by Keenan MacWilliams, practice
their living with their new carole.



We had to meet Starlight – Carole's horse! Here she is learning her lines (well she would be if she had any).

Saddle Club

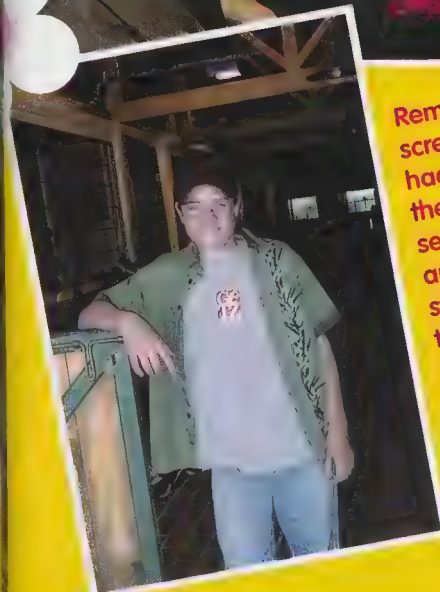


Stevie's town in makeup
Carole is played by
Bennett who is now
Carole's

The finished product! The lights are so bright when they film that if the actors don't wear makeup their skin goes all shiny. Check out the carefully labelled bags in the background with hair things in them.



Introducing a new Red, played by James O'Dea.



Remember that screen-kiss Phil had with Stevie at the end of the last series? Well things are still going strong between them in the second series. Here Phil checks out the stable for Belle (that's Stevie's horse). Phil is played by Glenn Meldrum.

**MEET STEVIE,
LISA AND
CAROLE!**

Stay tuned for more Saddle Club goes when we interview the girls in the next issue of DMAG!

the Saddle Club

Pals Page

Hi horse
lovers! We here
at DMAG love
Saddle Club so
much that we've
started a fan
page - we're calling
it our Saddle Club
Pals Page!

If you have a Saddle Club question, a horse story, or a picture you've drawn then send it in!

EVERYONE whose letter gets printed on our Pals Page will get the latest two Saddle Club books for free! So what are you waiting for? Write to us now!

Dear DMAG

I'm a really big fan of this magazine and The Saddle Club. My friends and I would love it if you interviewed the actors of the Saddle Club (Stevie, Lisa, Veronica and Carole). Or if you can't get in touch with them could you at least put a mega big poster in the mag. From Veronica Allwood and friends.

Dear Veronica,

Well we've granted your wish! I've just come from the film set for the second series of The Saddle Club and it was great! I interviewed all the girls - they were lovely. You'll be able to read all about them in the next issue of DMAG. I like your idea about the poster - I'll see what I can do, Your pal Dorothy

Dear Kahlani,
I love your picture of a thoroughbred foal! I think you've got the proportions just right.



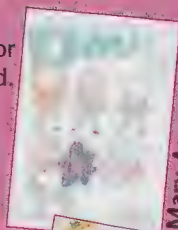
SADDLE CLUB COVERS

When we asked DMAG readers to come up with a Saddle Club cover for us we didn't think they'd be this good. Check them out!



Carley Reed

Diana Wright



Mary-Anne Noble



Tass Goodwin

Send your letters to Saddle Club Pals Page PO BOX 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. Be sure to include your name, age and address.

Nickleodeon

THE BIG HELP

Have you helped someone - or something - out lately? These kids have! Even the smallest act can make a difference.

■ Hey guys!

I love how you always are looking after the environment and things like that, and that gave me an idea. If everyone could pick up at least three papers a day then that would help a little bit a day. This is what I say if someone throws rubbish on the ground "Don't throw litter cause you might turn bitter" and then they stop! So if you just make a little difference in your world then you will be making a BIG difference in the world.

Luv always Samantha QLD

■ Dear Big Help,

Hi, my name is Cassie and I live in Launceston and we are helping getting rid of all of the rubbish in the school. We also help animals when they're hurt.

From Cassie

■ Dear Big Help,

When I was younger I used to be in the Scouting movement. There were horse races nearby and people would put their rubbish all over the ground. So the scouts would go out to the races and pick up all the rubbish, so that it would be clean for the next races.

Samantha, Cootamundra

■ To Big Help,

The other day a person asked me where the park was and I gave directions to her!

From Amy-Lea, NSW
age 13

SHARE



These kids have won themselves a Nicleodeon Big Help Calendar. If you've helped someone or something out and you'd like to win a calender too, then write to us at:

The Big Help. PO Box 321 Mona Vale Rd, Terrey Hills
NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

A polar bear is lying on a snowy surface, looking towards the left. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an enclosure. The bear's fur is white and slightly matted.

Win a trip to S

Sea World has put on some real snow to make the Polar bears feel right at home this summer. So from the 26th December until the 27th January Lia, Lutik, Ping Ping and Kanook will be able to slip and slide on their very own winter wonderland.

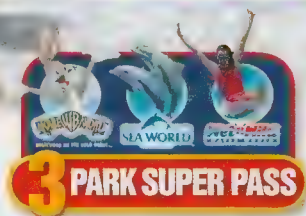
To celebrate, DMAG and Sea World have a COOL Family Holiday to give away!

Your Cool Family Holiday includes five nights accommodation at Sea World Nara Resort, airfares* and a family 3 Park Super Pass. Have the time of your life!

For your chance visit Polar Bear Shores, draw us your own Polar Bear Fun Park and send it to: Sea World Competition, PO Box 321, Mona Vale Rd, Terrey Hills NSW 2084.

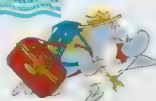


Sea World!



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* Airfares, park passes and accommodation are for two adults and two children. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

Holiday

DMAG's ultimate guide to where to go this summer (when you're tired of the beach).



Squarepants Water Play and go wild at Rocket Power Bumper Beach. Awesome!

Polar Bear Shores at Sea World

This Christmas Sea World on the Gold Coast has given their polar bears a pressie – SNOW! The snow is part of Seaworld's program to create a varied environment for the bears. And they just love it! Here are some facts:

- 300 wheelie bins of snow is used per day.
- 30 tonnes of ice and 4.2 tonnes of dry ice are used each day to fill the exhibit.
- 4 semi trailers transport the ice from Brisbane each day.

(See page 36 to win yourself a trip there!)

Nick Central at Dreamworld

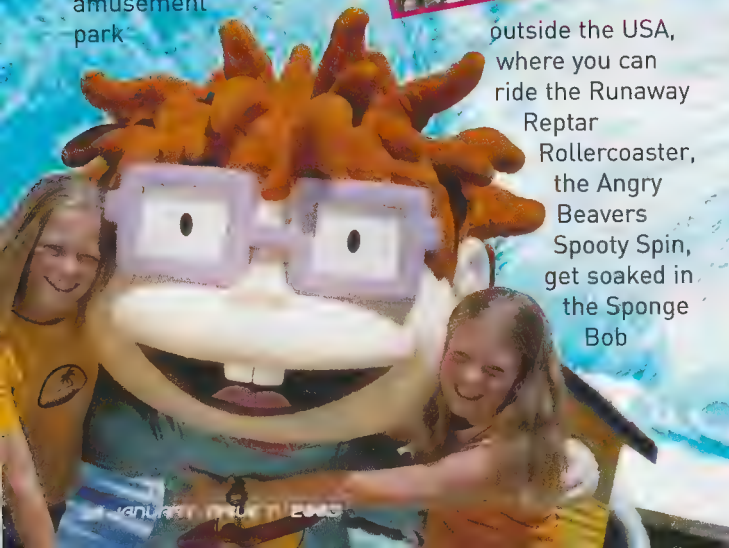
Now open at Dreamworld, the first Nickelodeon themed amusement park



outside the USA, where you can ride the Runaway Reptar Rollercoaster, the Angry Beavers Spooty Spin, get soaked in the Sponge Bob

Australian Reptile Park

Located 60km north of Sydney, it's the best place in the world to see Australia's scaly critters! You'll also meet Eric the Angry Crocodile, who's one of the biggest crocs ever found in the Northern Territory and has a fearsome reputation! *(See page 64 for more on Eric.)*



Bedingfield's latest song - If You're Not the One - was written in his bedroom - not the most glamorous place to pen a hit. But that's what Daniel is like, as DMAG found out.

Daniel Bedingfield has had two hits in the last year. Like all his songs they were written in his bedroom. In fact rumour has it that he wrote half the album 'Gotta Get Thru This' wearing only his underpants. Hopefully at this stage he was still in his bedroom.

Born in New Zealand, he grew up in the UK and had his first hit at 22, just over a year ago. But he's been writing songs since he was age six.

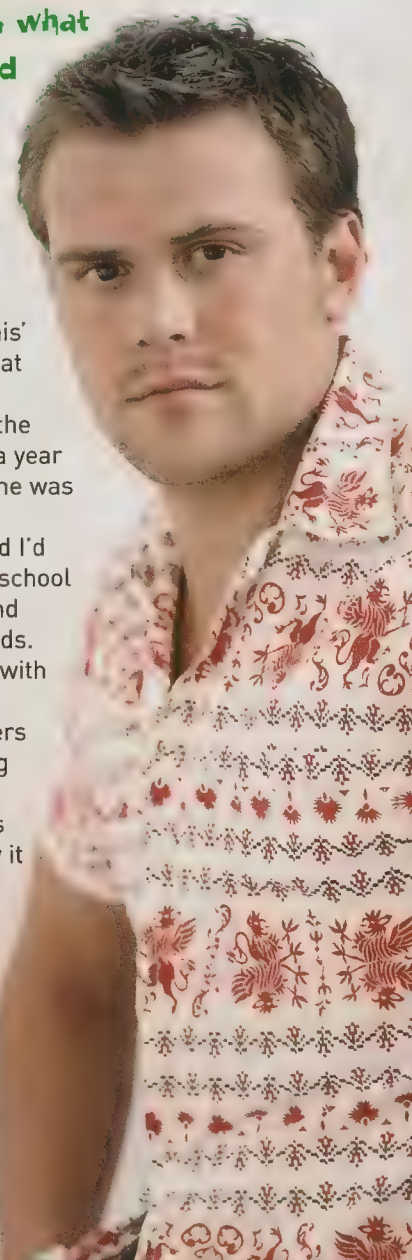
"We were singing songs in school and I'd write another verse to it and the whole school would learn it," he laughs. "Then, around nine, I started performing with my friends. I'd get my little boogie box out and jam with them."

He later formed a band with his sisters and at 16 played the synthesiser. His big break came when he sent his single, Gotta Get Thru This, to a number of DJs and one of them picked it up. Somehow it found its way onto the 'Pure Garage 4' compilation and within weeks Daniel's first hit had gone to number one on the UK charts - quite an achievement.

Fame hasn't gone to Daniel's head though, well not yet.

"I'm going to keep doing what I do, no matter what. I think I'll always make records in my bedroom. That's just the way I do things," he says. "I'll just get a bigger bedroom."

Top 3 in the UK
Daniel Bedingfield



The Absessive Mr Breen

Since he split with Five, Richard 'Abs' Breen has gone from strength to strength - well he would with abdominal muscles like his. DMAG caught up with him when he was here for the Rumba Festival.

DMAG: How would you describe your music now that you're solo?

ABS: Just more personal. I'm free in the studio to do whatever I want - I've been working with some producers that have some different stuff - it's more grown up.

DMAG: Do some of the tracks have a reggae feel?

ABS: That feel was just a mad idea. The rest of the album - Absessive Behaviour - is kind of up tempo, dancey, disco stuff, there is a bit of singing... it's all over the place.

DMAG: Which is your fave track?

ABS: There's a track called Come Out to Play... there are loads of tracks, you can tell I'm quite proud of my album.

DMAG: What's it like being separated from Five?

ABS: It was a bit weird at first. Like recording and all that stuff was always done with the boys because we were 24/7 basically together. All of a

sudden not seeing each other was a bit weird, but when I got busy again with recording and promotion I got back into it.

DMAG: Do you keep in contact with the rest of Five?

ABS: Not as much as people think. We're all friends and stuff, but the only ones I keep in touch with are J and Scott.

DMAG: What's the story behind your eyebrow?

ABS: The story is I was in this bar and there was this girl and she was getting harassed by all these guys and I knocked them all out one by one and this is what I came out with...

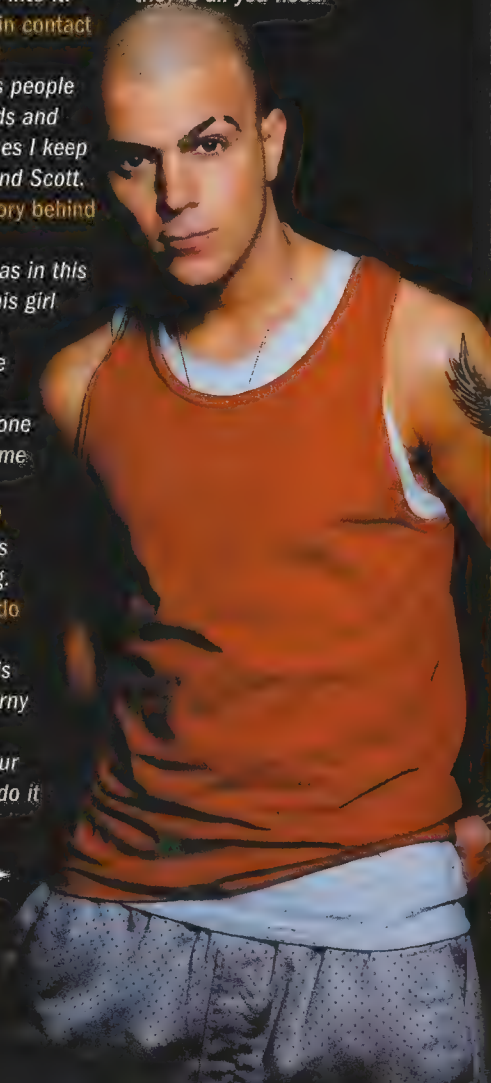
DMAG: 40 guys huh?

ABS: The real story is it's a little style thing.

DMAG: What advice do you have for kids?

ABS: I know it sounds really cheesy and corny but believe in your dreams, whatever your dreams are. If I can do it

I'm sure other people can. Right place, right time, a bit of luck and a bit of talent - they're all you need.



Did you know...

The real reason Abs is called 'Abs' is because his middle name is Abidin - not because he has fantastic stomach muscles!



NEWS... NEWS...

Singer and Neighbours star **Delta Goodrem** has reached No.1 on the ARIA National Singles Chart, after only four weeks of sales, with her song '**Born To Try**'. Her debut album is expected in March this year... Sony are releasing a tribute album to 70's band **The Ramones** which features lots of cool bands including the **Red Hot Chili Peppers**, **Green Day** and **The Offspring** - in stores later this month!



ALBUMS & SINGLES

Jennifer Lopez**This is me... then**

Still Jenny from the block...

but more hip-hop than her previous albums. It even includes a love song for

Ben! Aaaugh!

Mary-Kate & Ashley Olsen**Holiday In The Sun - Music from the motion picture**

Quite a cool little compilation of songs, including "Island In The Sun"

by Empty Trash, which features Mary-Kate and Ashley singing along. Very poppy.

**Will Smith****Greatest Hits**

A very cool compilation from everyone's favourite



man in black, including his hits from Fresh Prince of Bel Air,

Men In Black and Wild Wild West. Excellent!

**Samantha Mumba**
I'm right here

More catchy R&B from the

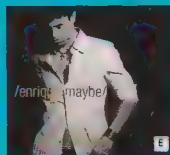
Irish songstress, this one will have you singing along as soon as



you hear it.

Enrique Maybe

Another lovely little ballad from the brooding one, which also comes with a free poster!

**NOW 02**

This CD features some of the hottest current chart singles, including Atomic

Kitten, Kylie Minogue, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Craig David, Britney Spears,



Blue and Taxiride, and the list goes on and on! The ultimate pop cd.

WIN! WIN!

Universal are making **Back To Skool** not quite so bad by releasing eight new singles - and **DMAG** has **FIVE** packs of all eight CDs to giveaway!

Each pack includes: **Holly Valance**, **Jay-Z**, **Brook McClymont**, **Counting Crows**, **Busted**,

Daniel Bedingfield and **Enrique**. Phew! To win design us a CD cover for your own band!

Send your entry including your name, address and age, to Pop Quiz Competition, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.



**SURE WE'D LIKE TO PLAY BASKETBALL
LIKE MIKE WITH HIS MAGIC SHOES -
BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. I'D
SETTLE FOR PLAYING BASKETBALL LIKE
LAURA THOUGH - MEET LAURA
SUMMERTON, WOMEN'S NATIONAL
BASKETBALL LEAGUE (WNBL), ADELAIDE
LIGHTNING AND OPALS TEAM PLAYER.**

DMAG: What's been the highlight of your basketball career?

LAURA: Making the World Championship team - the Opals - in China. I was only 18... I never dreamed I'd be able to make the team so young. It was great being able to play against the international opposition. Playing against the USA team was a highlight, they are the best in the world. They won gold, Russia got silver and we got bronze.

DMAG: What do you love about basketball?

LAURA: I've played a lot of different sports, netball, softball, swimming, tennis and I like basketball because there are so

BASKETBALL

many different things you can do in a game and it's such an active game... everyone can go anywhere.

DMAG: What are some skills kids can learn?

LAURA: Dribbling, which is bouncing it with your hand. You can do different skills to get past a defender. You might have to cross the ball from one hand to another, do it between your legs or behind your back.

Then there's passing the ball. You can do chest, bounce or one-handed passes. If you get tricky you can do behind-the-back and behind-the-head passes.

Then there's being able to defend and get the ball off the opposition.

With shooting the ball you can do layups, which is

where you're dribbling and you get close to the basket, do two steps and then shoot. There's also a jump shot, which is one bounce, two little steps and you shoot from a stationary position. There's a three-point shot for when you're outside the three-point line, and there's rebounding, which is when the shot's gone up and it's missed and you have to jump up

and catch it.

In high-level mens they actually dunk the ball. That's where they touch or hold onto the ring as they go down. With womens we can't get up to that height (3.3m), only a couple of women in the world have done that. Lauren Jackman from Australia is one of them.

DMAG: Do you need to be tall to play?

LAURA: No - the smaller players are usually called the guards and their role is to bring the ball up the court. When you get to a higher level things are more position orientated, so they'll bring the ball up for the post players who do more of the scoring.



AUSSIE HOOPS

If you would like to learn how to play basketball then contact the Aussie Hoops Program run by Basketball Australia. They'll arrange for trained basketball coaches to come to your school or community centre and show you how it's done - for free! You might even get to meet Laura who is a spokesperson for the program. See www.basketball.net.au for more information.

MAGIC





Otto



Sam



Reggie

I WANT TO PAT OUT THE NEXT ISSUE OF MY ZINE, SAM, BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE CASHOLA TOGETHER FOR MY NEXT PRINT RUN.

WHOOA, THAT'S ROUGH!

HA! WHY DON'T YOU GET A JOB OR SOMETHING?



WHAT ABOUT THE STIMPLETONS? I BET VIOLET WOULD PAY YOU TO DO SOME CHORES.

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! LET'S GO, SAM!

I ALREADY TRIED THAT, BUT I'M TOO YOUNG, SO NO PLACE WILL HIRE ME.

THAT IS \$000 NOT FAIR.



HEY! I WAS ONLY KIDDING!



HMPH! THOSE KIDS BETTER BE CAREFUL. THEY'RE ALWAYS BREAKING SOMETHING OR OTHER.

WHY, REGGIE, THIS IS SO SWEET OF YOU! NOW, THOSE UPSTAIRS WINDOWS HAVEN'T BEEN WASHED IN QUITE A WHILE, AND I COULD USE YOUR HELP SCRUBBING THE FLOOR. AND HOW ABOUT SOME LAWN MOWING?

ARE YOU SURE WE CAN HANDLE THAT MUCH WORK?

IT'LL BE TOTALLY WORTH IT, SAM. THE SMALL PRESS IS MY CAUSE!



SOON...

SIGH. YOU WERE RIGHT, SAM. I JUST REALIZED HOW TOTALLY SNORE-WORTHY THIS CHORE THING CAN BE.

YEAH, WELL, I GUESS IT DOESN'T EXACTLY FIT IN WITH YOUR USUAL EXCITING LIFESTYLE...

LIGHTBULB! SAM, ZOOM NEXT DOOR AND BRING ME MY ROCK-CLIMBING GEAR AND CAMERA!

REGGIE'S

'ZINE

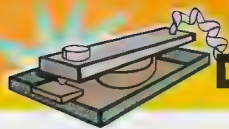
Skate mopping

Lawn-mower polo

LOOK, MERV! AND NOW ALL THE KIDS WANT TO HELP OUT AROUND OUR HOUSE!

Extreme Chores

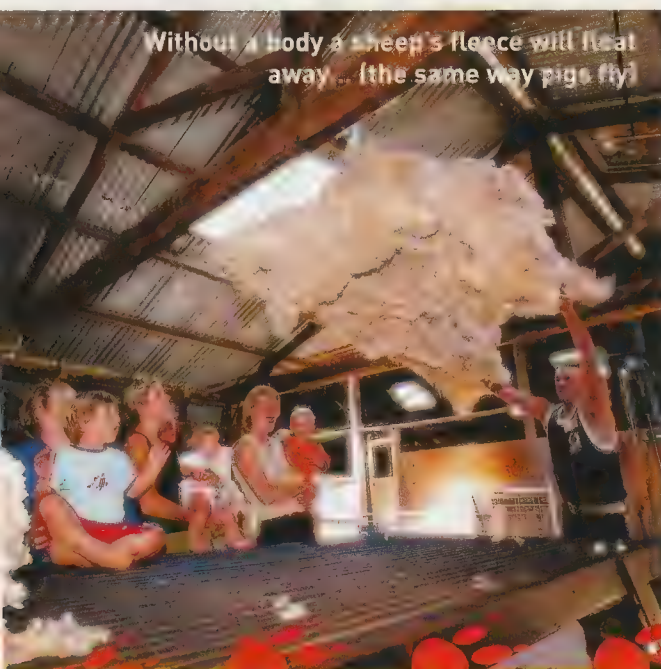
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Mothy meal for possums

Summer is a time of feasting for the rare mountain pygmy possum when thousands of bogong moths drop by its home in the alpine regions of Australia. While the possum spends its winters hibernating in caves in the mountains, the bogong moth hangs out in Queensland. During summer it gets too hot for the moths and they head south to the alpine caves – and the pygmy possums! In the past, moth meat was also eaten by aborigines, apparently it has a nutty taste like walnuts – yum!

Illustration Ego Guitto from photo by Linda Broome, Australian Geographic



Without a body a sheep's fleece will float away... (the same way pigs fly)

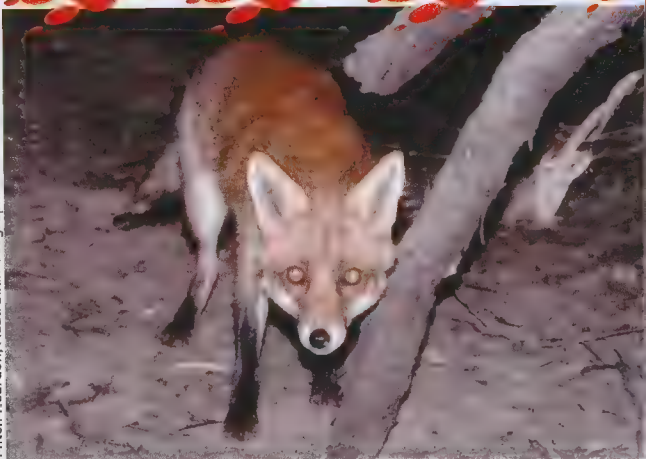
Go sheep shearing

If you're looking for a really Aussie way to spend Australia Day – and you just happen to be travelling near Hay in south-western NSW – why not visit Shear Outback and see a sheep being shorn? You might even meet Billy Garner, a gun shearer who has a personal best of 330 sheep in one day – just watching him is hard work! See www.shearoutback.com.au for more.

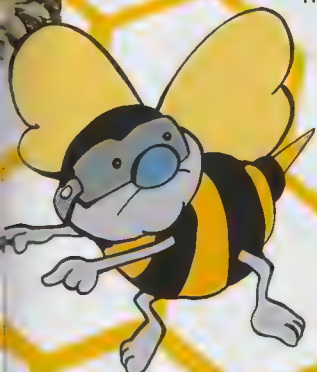
Foxes hit Tasmania

Between 12 to 19 foxes are thought to be on the loose in Tasmania, which until recently was fox free. Foxes are one of the worst killers of native wildlife. On mainland Australia they number between 10 to 30 million so there could be more foxes than people. The Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife

Mitch Reardon, Australian Geographic



Service is battling to get rid of the foxes in Tasmania before their numbers get out of control. Tasmania is the last haven for the bettong and the pademelon, which have both become extinct on the mainland. **Anybody who sees a fox in Tasmania should call 1300 369 688.**



Barry Skipsey, Australian Geographic



Fire! Fire!

BEETLE BUGS BEES

An African beetle is invading our beehives! The South African small hive beetle has migrated to Australia. It likes nothing better than burrowing through the combs and eating the honey. Unfortunately it also defecates (that means poos) in the honeycomb, which ruins the honey. Researchers are trying to work out whether they'll be able to eradicate the beetle before too much damage is done. In the meantime, sweet-tooths everywhere are stocking up on honey...

It's that time of year again when bushfires blaze their way across the country. There's heaps you can do to be prepared for a fire - like knowing the emergency number to ring - 000, knowing your address (for when you ring them), installing fire alarms, having an evacuation plan, and asking an adult to check the gutters for leaves. **Do it now!**

This spotted-tailed quoll is on the lookout for Tasmanian devils - its main competitor for food.

The Quoll

At DMAG we like bad puns nearly as much as we like quolls. What are quolls you ask?

It's time to find out.

Quolls are marsupials that are about the same size as small cats. Like cats, they eat meat and are skilled hunters and scavengers. Unlike cats they are native to Australia.

Although they're hunters they don't look fierce. They're covered in

fur, which depending on the species varies from light reddish brown to almost black, and they all have white spots. Their large brown eyes help them see in the dark and their snouts are black and pink and flanked by whiskers.

We have to admit it - quolls are not only cute

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likes eating chicken and you'll understand why! Soak quolls were being trapped, shot and poisoned. The settlers were determined to eradicate this plague of native cats, and quoll numbers dropped dramatically.

So being cute didn't help these critters at all



Well hello! Quoll researcher Diane Moyle has a quick chat with an eastern quoll before releasing it into the wild.

Quoll of the Wild



On the mainland, quolls would normally ride on their mother's back but a human arm will do.

As if that wasn't bad enough, a new disease, probably caused from a parasite found in cats, hammered the quolls. To top it off the quolls were also being hunted by introduced species such as foxes, cats and dogs and their habitat was disappearing.

For quolls on the mainland it became too much. The eastern quoll has all but disappeared, surviving only in special breeding programs in South Australia, and as of last month, Victoria. The three other species on the mainland are all endangered. While the eastern quoll has

thankfully survived in Tasmania along with the spotted-tailed quoll, the quolls on the mainland are in major fox territory.

To spot a quoll
Since quolls are nocturnal, which means they're more active during the night, they can be hard to find. Plus they're rare. Your best bet for seeing an eastern or a spotted-tailed quoll is the wilds of Tasmania. For the western quoll, head to the open forest and woodland in the south-west of WA and for the northern quoll hit the Top



Quolls eat reptiles, birds, insects and small mammals such as bandicoots, rats and rabbits. These two spotted-tailed quolls are having a feast.

End where they can be quite common in small pockets.

During the day, quolls hide out in burrows, hollow logs or the nooks and crevices in rocks.

In spring, the female quoll will probably have babies with her. At birth, quolls are the size of a grain of rice. They quickly attach themselves to their mother's nipples, which are found in her pouch. For the first few weeks they travel around this way drinking her milk. As they grow larger, mum



carries them on her back. With three babies this is hard work.

Now if you thought adult quolls were cute, wait until you see the babies – they're gorgeous.

It's night – time to come out and play! This female eastern quoll is ready to leave the den for some hunting.

Lightest Coloured Quoll – black and white spots (like a dingo) – the most common.

We're still counting species. Lots of "ghost" quolls with them – we know they would!

***DIBAG apologises unreservedly for the sad news. All the quolls were taken at the time of writing this and the quolls were not kept in captivity in thinking of any others.**

Gravity sucks!

EVEN THOUGH GRAVITY SUCKS, IT'S A VERY ATTRACTIVE FORCE. ALL OBJECTS IN THE UNIVERSE ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THIS FORCE.

Earth's gravity keeps us from floating off into space. Right now you've got a force of 1G acting on you. But if you were to move very fast very quickly – that is accelerate – you would have a higher G force acting on you.

When astronauts take off their acceleration is

massive. In 15 minutes they go from being still to travelling at about 28,000 kilometres per hour. At this acceleration they have a force of about 3G acting on them. 3G is so strong that their bodies are pressed back as they accelerate forward. It's the same feeling you have when you take off quickly in a car – it's as though

there is a great weight pushing you back.

Don't try this at home...

But how many Gs can a human body take? Scientists needed to know. So they strapped a man to the back of a rocket that they accelerated up to massive speeds and recorded the effect it had on him.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED!



1. Here is the pilot, calm and relaxed, as he has a force of 1G acting on him.
- 2 & 3. Nice! But as the rocket begins accelerating, the G force increases. He has to pull his head back as the force goes up.
4. At about 2G, the experiment was stopped. The force was so great that the pilot's eyes popped out of his head. But don't fret! They were about 115 centimetres by wearing Goggles. He was in good luck. Dr. Bill Brundage says this story.

TRY THIS AT HOME

You can see how acceleration makes things feel lighter (low G force) or heavier (high G force) by doing this simple experiment.

YOU WILL NEED:

Kitchen scales with a dial
A big bag of rice

- 1 Place the rice on top of the scales and look at the weight shown on the dial.
- 2 Now quickly move the scales upwards, with the rice on top. Watch the dial. The rice appears to gain weight as you accelerate up.
- 3 Now quickly move the scales downward, with the rice on top. Watch the dial. The rice appears to lose weight as you accelerate down.

Burn breath, belly button lint, vomit and shot – science guru Dr Karl Kruszelnicki knows about all the good stuff – as DMAG found out!

DMAG: What's the grossest question you've been asked?

Dr Karl: Why is shot green and why do you always have carrots when you vomit.

DMAG: So why is shot green?

Dr Karl: Shot is made up of mucus, which is

The Good Doctor

produced in your nose, throat and the upper part of your lungs. The mucus traps the dead bodies of invaders like bacteria and viruses.

Then there are the good guys, the immune cells that fight them. And they're the constituents of what we know as shot.



Why the colour is chosen to be green, rather than blue or red or bright purple we do not know. Even in 2003, we have more to discover about shot.

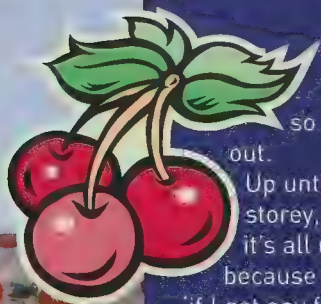
DMAG: What about carrots in vomit?

Dr Karl: In your diet you have fats, proteins and carbohydrates. In your stomach, the acids act on

the fats and make them into little reddish globules. I don't know why they're red. But it's this fat that looks like carrots. You can prove they're not carrots by biting one (eeww!!!) or at least poking one with a stick.

DMAG: You're a science guy. How could he be in any one of those





so they balance out.

Up until the seventh storey, if a cat falls it's all upset because it's thinking 'if I get any faster I'm going to die'.

After the seventh storey it realises its speed isn't

increasing and

it relaxes

and lines

up in the

maximum

energy-

absorbing

mode. So

there are

fewer

injuries.

DNA G: If I were falling out of a building what would be the

best thing to do - act like a cat?

Dr Karl: Lie flat and spread out your arms and legs. That way you've got the maximum wind resistance. And then - and this is really hard to do - straighten yourself up and try to land on your legs to roll forwards or backwards.

DNA G: Did you win an award for researching belly button lint?

Dr Karl: I won the Ignoble Prize, which is given for research that cannot or

should not be done.

DNA G: So what other groundbreaking research are you doing?

Dr Karl: Lightning wood. It's wood that's been hit by lightning. If you speak to any country people they'll tell you that it's really hard to cut with a chainsaw and very hard to burn.

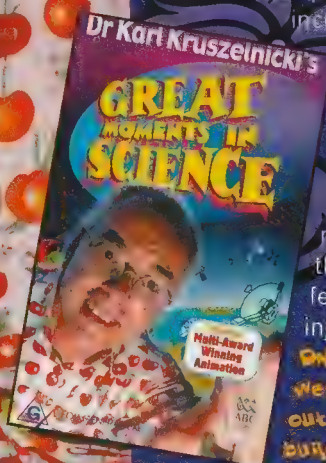
DNA G: What's in your next book?

Dr Karl: The origin of bum breath... otherwise known as morning breath.

DNA G: Do you have a message for kids?

Dr Karl: It is not the answer that gets you the Nobel Prize - it is the question. So keep coming up with the questions e.g. why is snot green - why not orange, pink, or purple?

It might sound like a useless thing to do but you never know where science will take you. For example, think about astronomers. They're looking at the sky, at dots on a dotted background. They had to invent special software to tease those dots out. You might think 'how useless is that!' And yet the software they developed is now used to find cancerous lumps in women.



Karl

...message, which would you choose?

Dr Karl: Probably the one about why it's safer for a cat to fall from 32 storeys than eight storeys. DON'T DO THIS EXPERIMENT AT HOME KIDS!

The top speed of a cat falling is about 106km per hour. They don't like on going faster because while gravity is always sucking, wind resistance

Fur seals

Australian and New Zealand fur seals were hunted to the brink of extinction. Luckily they're making a comeback as DMAG found out.

fightback

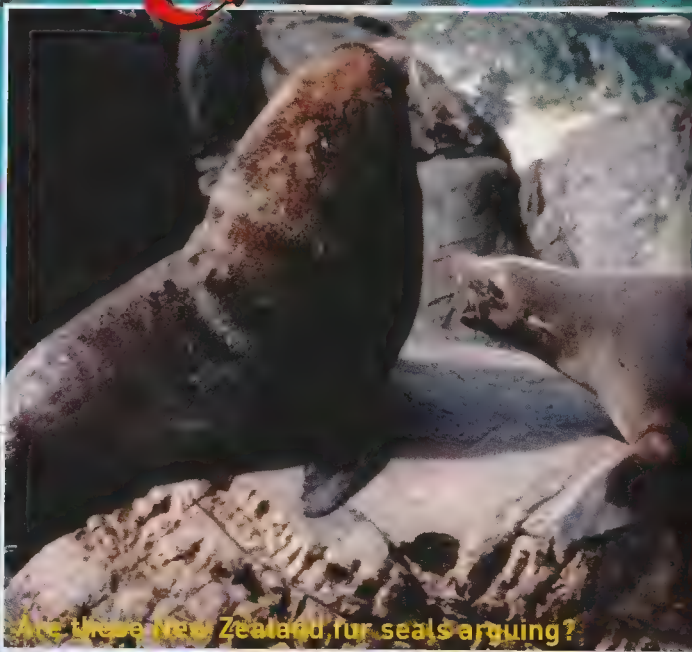
Fur seals were highly sought by hunters for their double-layered fur, which is so thick that the skin of a healthy seal will never get wet.

These days, seals in Australia and New Zealand are protected. However, there are still many threats to their survival – humans, sharks, killer whales, trawl nets and pollution.

Although most of these threats are at sea, it is on land that the seal is most vulnerable.

Seal city

Seals are fast movers in the water but on land they're slow. When they come ashore to mate and give birth, they resort to safety in numbers.



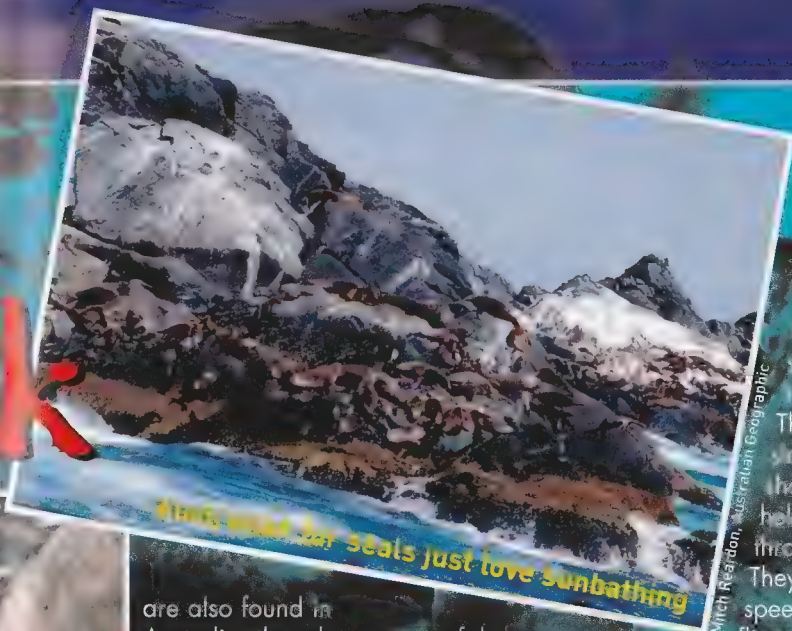
Colin Beaudy / Australian Geographic

Are these New Zealand fur seals arguing?

Thousands of fur seals hang out in massive colonies. The males in the group are called bulls and they fight for territory within the colony. One male will mate many females. The pups are born in summer, just one pup per mum.

Colonies of Australian fur seals are found on the islands of the Bass Strait and along the coast of Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia. There is only one colony in New South Wales and that is at Seal Rocks.

New Zealand fur seals



That's what fur seals just love sunbathing

Mitch Reardon, Australian Geographic

penguins and shearwaters.

Australian Adelphi

Both species are superbly adapted to life in the water.

They have a streamlined, torpedo-shaped body that helps them move through the water.

They swim at great speed using their

flippers. If necessary they can jump out of the water. This method, called 'porpoising', is useful when escaping a predator.

When underwater, their ears and nostrils close and their eyes are clearly

Unlike 'true seals', fur seals have flaps over their ears. True seals, such as harbour seals, just have holes.

Seals are able to dive to great depths. Since they do not have gills like fish, they take a breath at the surface before they dive. They can last up to 45 minutes between breaths using a special adaptation that slows their heartbeat and conserves oxygen.

Seals are amazing creatures - hopefully they'll be around for a long time to come!

are also found in Australia, though in smaller numbers, probably less than 10,000. In New Zealand, these seals are more common and are found around the South Island, Stewart Island and the south

coast of the North Island.

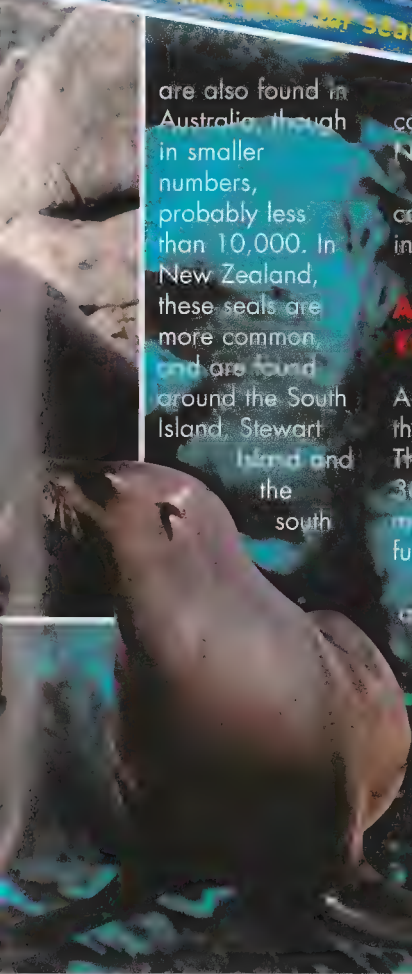
Both types of fur seals can be found on islands in the Bass Strait.

Australia vs New Zealand

Australian fur seals are the largest of all fur seals. The males weigh up to 360kg, almost twice as much as a New Zealand fur seal male.

New Zealand fur seals are generally darker and have a slightly different head shape, postural, and tail.

While both seal species eat fish, it is only the New Zealand variety that eats seabirds such as little



SO GROSS!

why does mould grow on food?



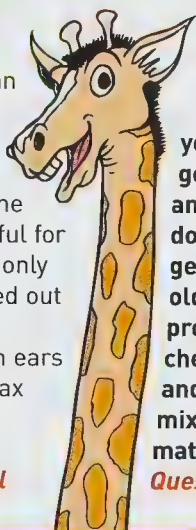
Mould starts life as tiny little spores. These spores are present all around us in the air. If a spore lands on your food then it will start to grow and soon your food will be covered in that icky green stuff. Mould needs air to live and prefers warm, dark places. As every school-kid knows, the perfect conditions for growing mould exist in the school-bag, where many a sandwich has met an untimely – and mouldy – death.

Question from Ron Swartzmann

IS IT TRUE THAT GIRAFFES USE THEIR TONGUES TO CLEAN OUT THEIR EARS?

Yes! Giraffe tongues can be over 0.5m long. Their tongues are so long they can wrap them entirely around the head. They're also useful for cleaning out ears. The only thing we haven't worked out is whether they do it because they like clean ears or because their ear wax just tastes so yummy – maybe it's both!

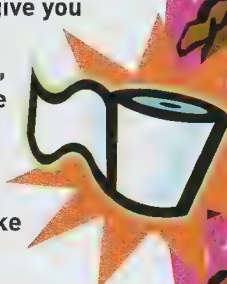
Question from Michael Fullwood



WHY IS POO BROWN NO MATTER WHAT COLOUR FOOD YOU EAT?

You eat food to give you energy. When you digest food, your body takes out the good stuff that it needs and gets rid of stuff it doesn't. Your body also gets rid of other stuff like old blood cells. When it processes these cells a chemical called bilirubin is created and it's brown. This chemical gets mixed with your left-over food matter and hey presto – brown poo!

Question from Leonard Price



WIN! Would you like us to answer a gross question?

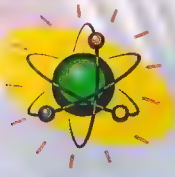
Send us a question and the best three will win a set of Ripley's Believe It or Not! books from Scholastic. See page 98 for conditions and send your question with your name, age and address to:

DMAG So Gross Competition

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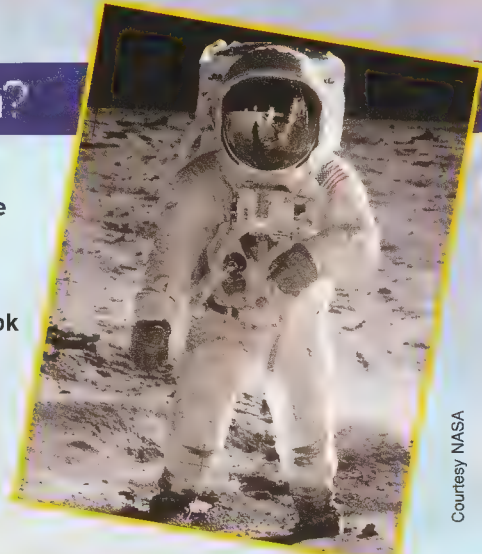




WEIRD SCIENCE

Did this really happen?

At DMAG we're convinced that astronauts landed on the moon in 1969 but some people aren't so sure – they think that NASA, the U.S. space agency, faked it. To prove them wrong, scientists are using the world's most powerful telescope, the Very Large Telescope (VLT), to look for the lunar landers that the astronauts left behind. The excitingly named VLT is so strong it can see a single human hair from 16km away.



Courtesy NASA

Attack of the clone babies

Well it happened sooner than we thought. Like something out of a Star Wars movie, the first cloned human is due this month. The baby, which is one of five clones, is sure to get lots of attention. While clones occur naturally in the form of identical twins, this will be the first time one has been purposely cloned. Let's hope it's not like the clone in Star Wars – Boba Fett!

Courtesy Boeing

Anti-gravity plane

We all know gravity sucks. If it didn't, we'd all float off into space. But while gravity sucking is generally a good thing, scientists at Boeing – a company that makes aeroplanes – would rather it didn't suck, at least quite so much, on their planes. Boeing is so keen to defy gravity that it's started a top secret project with its Phantom Works company to make an anti-gravity device. We're just waiting for anti-gravity suits – cool!



If you think Boeing's latest plane – the Bird of Prey – looks good, wait until you see its anti-gravity plane.

The Crocodile

Terri Irwin's life is every bit as exciting as her husband Steve's (a.k.a. The Crocodile Hunter).

HERE'S WHY.



DMAG: Have you been in any dangerous situations?

Terri: Stacks of times. I had a freshwater crocodile about 2m long grab me on the leg but I wasn't worried because I was with Steve. In the United States I got grabbed on the back of the head by a cougar and I've had close encounters with bears.

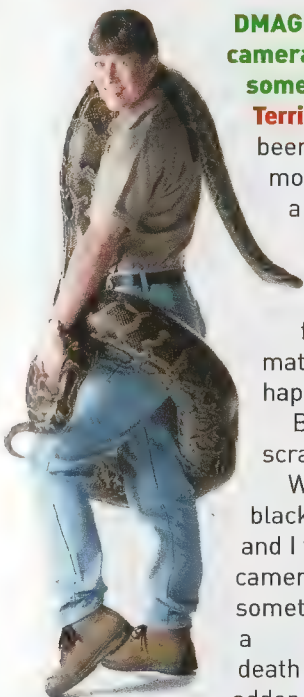
I have to stress, if I'm ever in a situation where an animal's got a hold of me it's because I've made a mistake, it's never the animal's fault.

DMAG: Have you ever had to rescue Steve?

Terri: Absolutely. Once he jumped out of a boat to relocate a 2.5m long crocodile and it swam off with him. When you're free handling crocs, once you grab them, you can't let go because they turn around and nail you. So I had to jump in and grab the back of the croc and together we got it out.

I was with Steve when he was filming western tiger snakes. They were in thigh deep water in a swamp. A western tiger snake came right up behind Steve. I grabbed the snake and another one came up and I grabbed it – it was never filmed. So I'm behind him with a snake in each hand in thigh deep water – I picked them up by the tail. In water you have so much less control. On land you manipulate them away from you. All the time I'm thinking 'what if a third one comes – what do I do?'

Huntress



had crawled over his leg. As he squatted down his knee bent and he was squishing the death adder, which was now struggling.

I'm like 'Jeff - get up!'

He got up, the death adder wiggled out and he wasn't bitten - I don't know why. Part of my job is keeping the camera crew alive.

DMAG: Do you live at Australia Zoo?

Terri: Yes we live near the alligators. I hear

DMAG: Do the cameramen yell out if something's coming?

Terri: No. Steve's been working with most of the guys for a decade. In the beginning he had to remind them to keep filming no matter what happened.

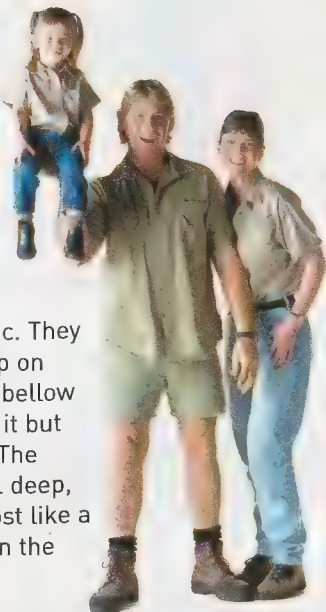
But they get into scrapes too.

We were filming black tiger snakes and I was with a cameraman. I saw something moving and a death adder

them roaring most mornings. It's a deep throated roar but it goes subsonic. They prop themselves up on their feet and they bellow and you can't hear it but the water dances. The initial roar is a real deep, low booming, almost like a motor or thunder in the distance.

DMAG: What's it like living with Steve?

Terri: Living with Steve is extreme. It's amazing because what you see on television is what you get ... it never shuts off. He is enthusiastic, impassioned and in a hurry all the time.



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

DMAG: What conservation projects are you running?

Terri: We've got habitat conservation projects all over the place. The largest one is in western Queensland, it's 48,000 acres. We're trying to put conservation islands out there. One of the projects is the reintroduction of the northern hairy nosed wombat. We're working with the National Parks. There could be as few as 65 left and most of those are male.

DMAG: What does Bindi get into?

Terri: She's hands-on with wildlife.... she has a passion for reptiles. She'll be in the shingleback enclosure telling people about them, and in with the giant Galapagos tortoise. She's got her own alligator. She does snake demonstrations and tells people about first aid with snake bites, how children shouldn't touch snakes and what to do if you see a snake.



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Camel crossing

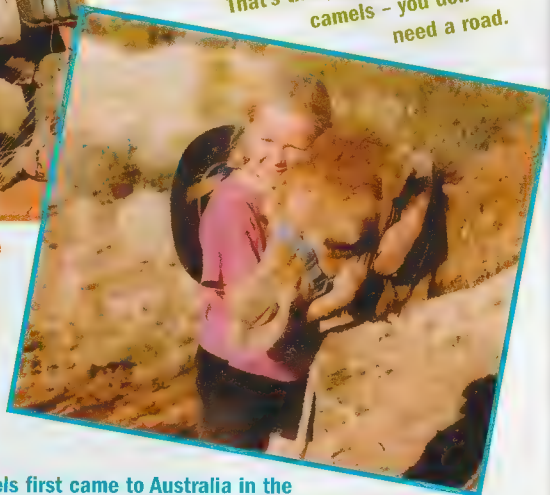
The Gibson Desert in Western Australia is spectacular. It's a harsh climate to travel through, especially when you're riding a camel! This postcard is from the Curnow-Andreason family, who have been on an amazing holiday.



The gang - Steve, Danielle (11), Lise and Marcus (nine) - head off with their camels on their 12 week trip. This is one of the few sections they actually used a track for. That's the good thing about camels - you don't need a road.



You don't normally ride a camel like this! Notice the supplies on the right hand camel? Aboriginals who used to live in this area wouldn't have needed these, they'd know how to survive on bush tucker! Lise says that on this trip the family really appreciated how hardy the Aboriginal people must be.



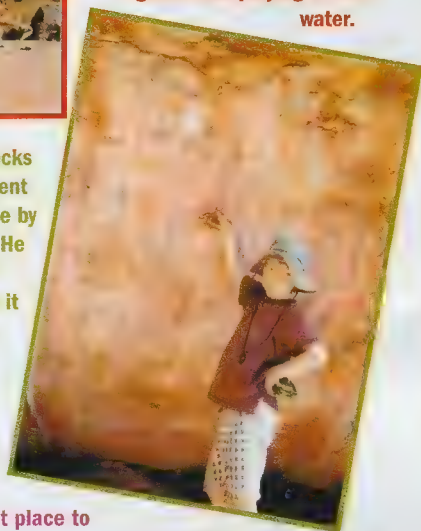
Who's cuter - Danielle or the camel? Camels first came to Australia in the 1800s with Afghan (from Afghanistan) cameleers who helped build railways, telegraph lines and mines in the desert. The Afghans contribution was so great that the Ghan railway line through central Australia was named after them. Meanwhile the camels liked the place so much that they stayed and multiplied in the wild.

Have you been somewhere interesting lately? Then why not tell

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At one point water was so scarce that the family had to travel at 4.30 in the morning to stay cool and conserve water. When they eventually found it, the camels drank almost 100 litres each! (That's about 50 bottles of milk.) Danielle and Marcus also had a great time playing in the water.



Danielle checks out the ancient rock art done by Aborigines. He was careful not to touch it so that he wouldn't damage it for other people.



What a great place to have a music lesson! Beats a schoolroom any day!

Danielle cooks dinner in her new kitchen. Along the way the family ate bushfoods such as native figs, bananas and plums, sucked the honey from grevilleas and upside down plants and tasted the galls on the bloodwood trees. However, there is no way they would have survived on bushfood, says Lise.



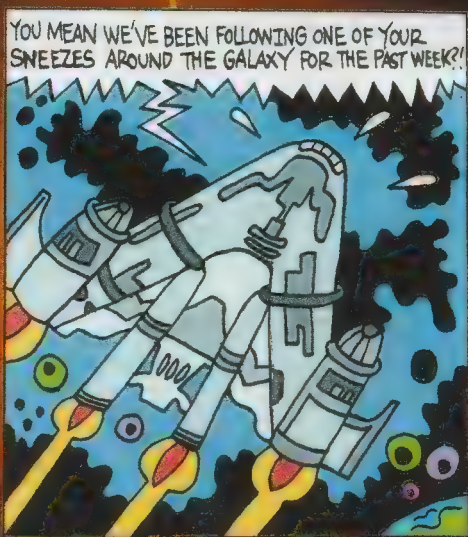
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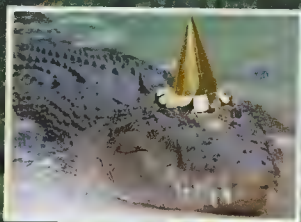
IT'S LIKE
TAKING A
SHORT-CUT
THROUGH SPACE!

AND NOW WE'RE JUST ABOUT
TO EMERGE THROUGH THE
OTHER SIDE!





How not to be croc



1) Never smile at a crocodile

What are you doing hanging around LOOKING at that croc? Unless there's a very big fence between you and the croc you should be hatching it out of there. They may look big and slow but saltwater crocs (known as *salties*) can reach speeds of up to 25 kilometres an hour – that's as fast as a human – although they'll only do this over short distances.

by Tim Baskin

2) That's no leg!

With their knobby skin, brown colouring

if you're holidaying in northern Australia then you'd better watch out for crocs – especially if you're swimming. Here are DMAG's top tips to avoid becoming croc food.

and means of floating motionless downriver, crocodiles look a bit like logs – but don't be fooled. Their favourite method of catching dinner is to wait until their prey is really close and then pounce at it in a sudden burst of speed. Sometimes they only have their noses and eyes sticking out, so they can breathe and see, but the worst thing is they can stay underwater for hours! They have a special valve in their heart to redirect blood, which carries

oxygen, when they're submerged.

Don't let a croc keep its eye on the water!

3) Don't forget dessert

You may have heard that large crocodiles can go for three or four months without eating. This is true, but how long are you going to live when that croc last ate? Younger crocodiles may specialise in smaller creatures like

food

mud crabs and so will eat more frequently. And remember – they're not fussy eaters, they'll eat bones, shells, hooves and clothes!

Our tip – don't think you're not dinner!

4) It's their home you're in

If you're swimming in saltwater in the northern part of Australia then there's a good chance you're in croc territory.

Saltwater crocodiles have been known to swim

hundreds of kilometres and even venture up river into freshwater



areas. At popular swimming spots in the north there are generally signs warning people of the danger. But signs are popular targets for vandals, so don't think if there's no sign you're safe.

Our tip – use your head

5) Aah! You've been caught!

If a crocodile does grab you then fight back. Victims

who have escaped crocs tell how they gouged the crocodile's eyes and nostrils and had their friends pull them in a tug-of-war game. If you're

trapped in the water with a croc coming towards you then hopefully you've got a friend on shore. The best thing your friend can do is bang the water to draw the croc toward them and away from you. But remember, your friend has to be prepared to run!

Our tip – fight back!

Meet Eric the Croc

He's missing a foot, is 5m long, weighs about 800 kg and has a mean set of

teeth. But Eric the saltwater crocodile is very popular with the kids at The Australian Reptile Park, north of Sydney.

"We got him from a Darwin croc farm because he was a problem there, he was chomping up all the girl crocodiles," says John Weigel, Eric's handler at the park. "Just before they decided to send him to us he got into an almighty brawl with a couple of them and killed one final girlfriend – but she took a foot to remember him by. He's had surgery three times to try to fix the stump."

Despite his scary nature, Eric is enough of a softie that every birthday he gets a kiss on his snout from John.

If you would like to see Eric then visit The Australian Reptile Park or go to www.reptilepark.com.au



Eglantine

A Ghost Story by Catherine Jinks

Want a bit of holiday reading?
Then check out our extract - it
will leave you hooked!

IT HAPPENED AFTER WE BOUGHT THIS HOUSE

I couldn't believe that Mum was serious, at first. She'd been going on and on about how wonderful it was. How it had been built in 1885, how it still had its slate roof and two original marble fireplaces... that kind of thing. But then, when we got out of the car, we came face to face with this dump.

'It's a bit of work,' said Mum, as she opened the front door.

Bethan snorted. 'It sinks,' he offered.

'Well, that's because there were squatters living here for a while. But the smell will go.'

I was standing there, wondering who had painted my whole room red (yuck!) and who had left a suspicious-looking pile of fags in one corner, when Bethan called out.

'Willie! Come and look

at that!

Wow, I said, when I reached Bethan's room. It was filthy, and dirty, and it was covered in writing. There was writing scrawled all over the walls, the ceiling and the window sills, only the dirty, shaggy old carpet had been spared.

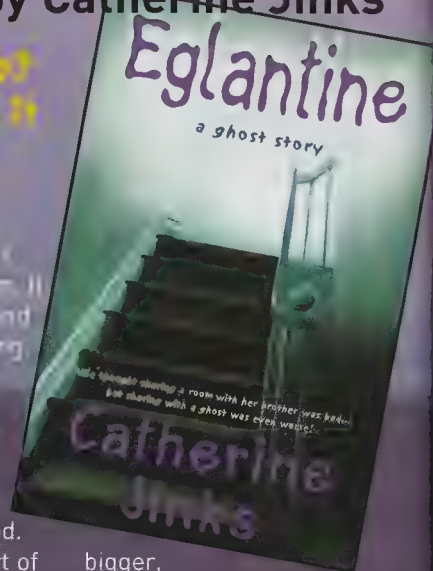
It wasn't the usual sort of graffiti you see around the place, either. It looked as if it had been written with a pen - not spray-painted - and it was neat and small and dense.

I WENT STRAIGHT TO my own room, and lay for a while, glorying in the privacy. It is my room. Mine.

Then I heard him complaining, and went to see what was wrong.

'Look,' he said.

His room had been transformed. It was all white, and seemed much



bigger, despite the cardboard boxes piled everywhere. Of course, Bethan had already begun to strew his Lego and dinosaurs about. Soon the floor would be impassable.

He's always been a messy boy.

'Look,' he said again, and pointed.

Down near the foot of his bed, along the top of the skirting board, I could see a line of script. 'Once there lived in a bleak clime a white-bearded king', it said. You could hardly make it out, but

himself was most attended.

—The painter missed a bit. I remarked politely.

—What's the problem?

—The problem is that I don't want it there!

—The last Mum. She'll take over it. She's got left-over paint, remember?

I lumped all to common help, and Ray came in and dabbed a bit of white paint over the troublesome patch. We all thought that the problem had been solved. But the next morning, Bethan came down to breakfast grumbling about another missed bit, near the ceiling above the window. He was quite worked up about it. When I took my hand into his bedroom, however, I could barely see the smudge, impossible to read. I asked him why it bothered him so much.

—Because it does, he said.

It was Thursday before Mum finally began to get suspicious.

—Wait a minute, she said, peering at the line that was written directly over Bethan's bed. Among these were great

notes of salt and fat, one. Was a woman. And yes, trying to tell me that the painter missed that? I don't work on, Bethan.

—Well, I don't do it, he mumbled.

—This is very silly and childish behaviour, Mum informed Bethan. And if you do it again, there'll be no TV for a month.

—But I didn't do it!

I wasn't worried about Bethan stopping rehashing about missed spots. Two days passed, and he didn't utter another word on the subject. I noticed that he was looking subdued, and distracted, and that he wasn't making his usual flimsy remarks and dumb jokes. Maybe Mum would have noticed too, if she hadn't been so busy unpacking boxes. I didn't think that anything could be really wrong.

Not until he came to me one morning, with tears in his eyes, and begged me to look at his room.

WHY? WHAT'S

happened? I asked.

I have to show you, he replied.

Show me what?

Please, he said.

I followed him into his

room.

—There, he said, pointing. And there, and there. See?

I saw. There were more scribbled black lines scattered around his white walls - about six of them. Some were two high up to read. One was on the back of his door, it said, and his coat was peppered with fishbones. Another was scrawled over the night-light.

I shook my head slowly. —Mum's going to kill you, I said.

—But I didn't do it! Bethan wailed.

—Are you sure? I pressed him.

—Yes! I didn't! It was someone else!

I didn't seem likely (but when I looked at the writing again, it occurred to me that Bethan wouldn't have had the ability - let alone the patience - to write in such a precise, elegant way.

**SO WHO IS WRITING
ON BETHAN'S
WALLS? TO FIND
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TO GRAB YOURSELF
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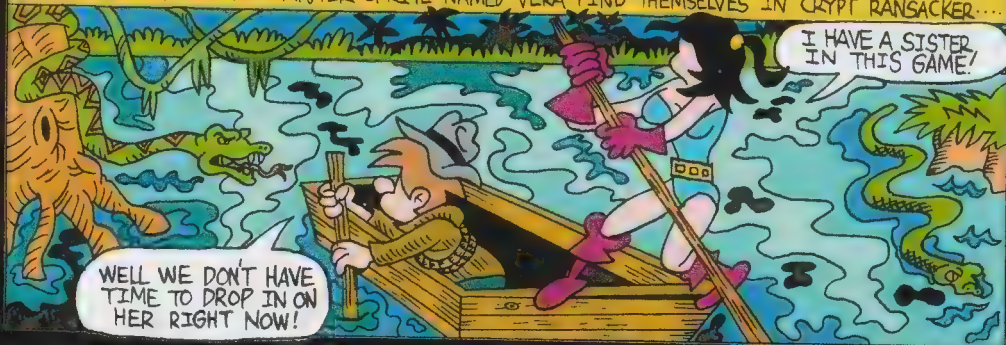
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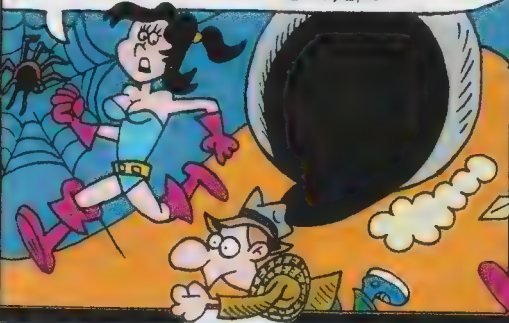
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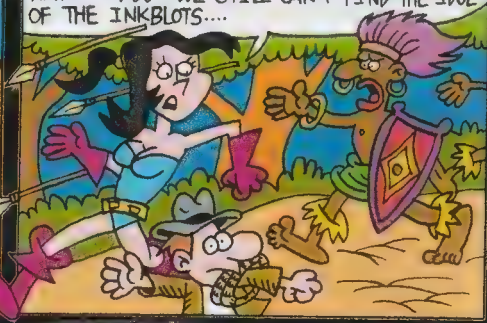
BATTLING THEIR WAY GAME-BY-GAME THROUGH A NUMBTENDO SYSTEM IN A GRIM FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL, BILLY AND A COMPUTER SPRITE NAMED VERA FIND THEMSELVES IN CRYPT RANSACKER...



I DON'T GET IT! WE'VE BEEN ALL OVER THIS GAME, BEING CHASED BY GIANT BOULDERS....



...AND TREATED LIKE PINCUSHIONS BY THE NATIVES! BUT WE STILL CAN'T FIND THE IDOL OF THE INKBLOTS....



WAIT A MINUTE! GIDEON GEARLOOSE IS ALWAYS SAYING THAT I'M BONE IDLE.... THAT'S IT!!



WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT ANYONE WOULD WORSHIP LITTLE OLD ME?



WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE! IT'S LIKE BILLY
JUST VANISHED!

THAT KID IS BONE IDLE!
HE'D DO ANYTHING TO AVOID
HIS CHORES!

HELP!

AND THIS IS WHERE YOU SAW HIM LAST?

YES, BUT HE'S GONE!
LET'S TRY THE CARGO BAYS!

HELP!

WHAT'S THE
OBJECT OF
THIS GAME?

THAT DOESN'T
SOUND SO DANGEROUS!

... THEN AGAIN!

I DID IT!
ONTO THE
NEXT GAME

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE EYE OF SAURON

In *The Lord of the Rings*, The Eye of Sauron is a giant red eye that dwells in Mordor and can see for hundreds of kilometres.

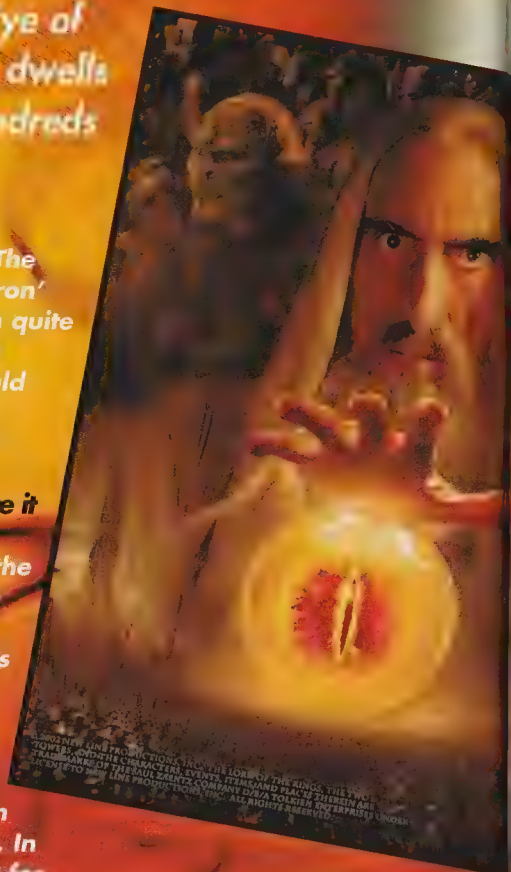
Sauron is the evil mastermind who is trying to wrest the ring from Frodo. He's actually the boss of Saruman, the other bad guy who we've seen plenty of in the film.

Apart from his eye, we're not going to see too much of Sauron because that's all he is – a massive eye.

But what we want to know is why an eye? Why not a leg? A foot? A head or even simply a brain?

Admittedly 'The Brain of Sauron' doesn't seem quite so scary, but surely it would have more brainpower?

The eyes have it
Eyes, those windows of the soul, are one of the most mystical parts of the body. Pictures of eyes had magical significance in ancient times. In ancient Egypt for



instance, many people wore amulets in the shape of an eye to ward off evil spirits. Nowadays a lone eye is still

they can be given the evil eye. The person who has been eyeballed in this way generally complains of feeling poorly - it doesn't seem to be as bad as having an

worth his salt knows the value of gathering information about the opposition. And it's not just baddies. Most of the major powers in the world today have satellites that can zoom

Why 'The Eye of Sauron'? Why not the leg? The foot? The head? Or even the brain? Personally I like the idea of 'the Little Toe of Sauron'

pictured on places like the U.S. dollar bill. Eyes are generally pictured to give the idea that some all-powerful being is watching over you.

The evil eye

Then of course there's the evil eye. You may think it's the filthy look your friend gives you when you make a bad joke but some cultures really take this seriously. In the Middle East and the Mediterranean some people believe that

actual curse placed on them. The cultures that believe in the evil eye also have remedies for it, like special prayers to say to lift it. In these countries, people - and even the livestock, sometimes wear fake blue eyes made of glass, stone or pottery to protect them from the evil eye.

Eye spy

So far it seems that the eye is the perfect part of the body to represent a creature as evil as Sauron. But the other main reason that the eye was chosen was its ability to spy. In magic terms it's called farsight, or crystal ball gazing, but really it's just plain simple spying.

Now my baddie

in on objects thousands of kilometres away. It's especially handy if you're about to go to war.

One of the problems that plagued The Eye of Sauron also plagues modern day satellites - where to look. When Frodo and Sam make their way to Mordor they rely on The Eye of Sauron looking elsewhere - like the battle at Helm's Deep. It's the same with satellites, each one can only point one way.

So it seems that Sauron being represented as an eye was a fairly good choice. Although I still like the idea of The Brain of Sauron, or perhaps even The Little Toe of Sauron - how wrong would that be!



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SHIN CHAN

Shin Chan is full of pranks. Actually he's a down right terror. He's turned his mother into a madwoman and he almost cost his father his job. And at the age of five he's also creating havoc at school. This cartoon is full of crazy misadventures and discoveries.

Fox Kids weekdays 8:30am from 6 January



Hamtaro

Hamtaro is ten year-old Laura's pet hamster. When Laura moves home, Hamtaro and his hamster pals – known as 'The Ham-Ham Gang' – have heaps of new adventures. These are all new episodes of this cute cartoon.

**Cartoon Network
weekdays 8:00a.m
and weekends
4:30p.m.**



Fillmore!

Since when has it been hip to be a Safety Patrol Officer? Obviously since Cornelius Fillmore, the cartoon hero of this new series became one. Fillmore is a quick-witted seventh grader who's on the lookout for trading card counterfeits and other petty criminals at school. He's not too much of a goody-goody though, after all he was once a juvenile delinquent (cue dramatic music).

Disney Channel in Studio D, weekdays at 3p.m.

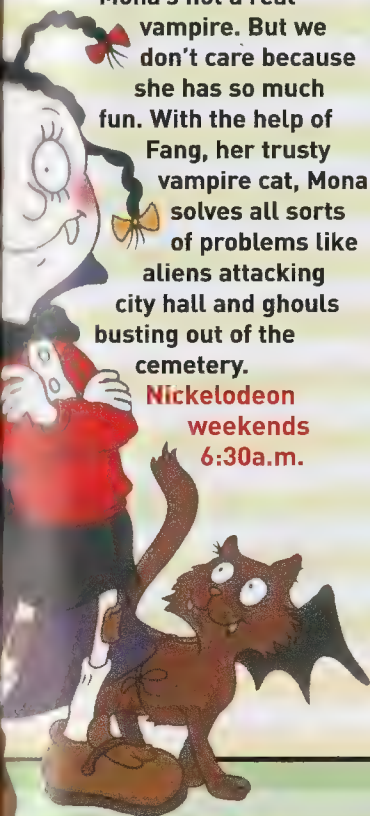


MONA THE VAMPIRE

With her glow-in-the-dark fangs and dining room curtain cape we all know

Mona's not a real vampire. But we don't care because she has so much fun. With the help of Fang, her trusty vampire cat, Mona solves all sorts of problems like aliens attacking city hall and ghouls busting out of the cemetery.

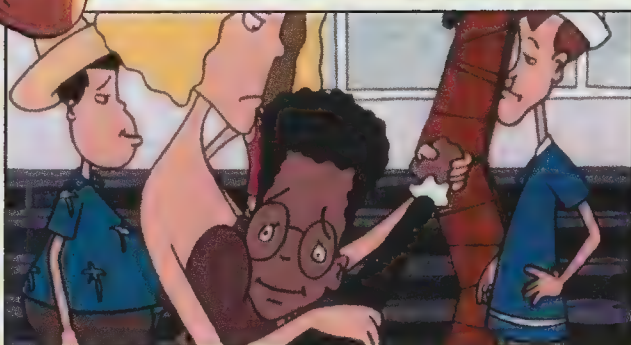
**Nickelodeon
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Power Stone

When Edward Falcon's father leaves him a mystical Power Stone he is told that whoever has all the Power Stones will have all his wishes granted. So at 17 Edward sets off to find them. On the way he makes new friends, discovers new cultures and learns how to be a great warrior.

Fox Kids weekdays 6:30 a.m. from 13 January



What's With Andy

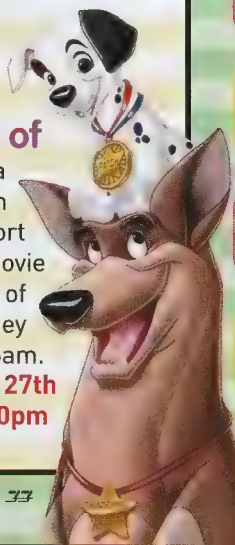
Teenage Andy wants to become the greatest prankster in the history of the world. This is bad news for his sister, the school bullies and everyone in his town. Of course pranks have a habit of backfiring and that's when the real laughs come.

Fox Kids weekdays 12:00 from 13 January

Get ready for a marathon of puppies!

That's right - this Australia Day, you can watch 101 Dalmations from 6am for 24 hours straight, taking a short break around dinner time to watch the movie premiere of 102 Dalmations. That's a lot of dog! Disney Channel 27th January 6am.

102 Dalmations premieres 27th January 6.30pm



Bootsy's pet page

HI EVERYONE,

Enjoying your hols? I've been enjoying the warm weather with pleasant walks along dog-friendly beaches! Did you make any New Years resolutions? Mine is to meet even more of your amazing pets!

Bootsy's Pet Tip: Exercise will keep your pet fit, healthy and happy. So make sure your pet gets moving... unless of course you have a crocodile or a big spider or something like that.... they should stay in their cages I think!



SARAH HALL and her Beagle puppy - isn't he the cutest!



Amber Brudenett's dog loves playing footy



REBECCA MARTI'S pets Muffin and Fluffy certainly know how to relax!



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Game On!

We're joining you this week at the arcade game machine for those crazy days between now and the dreaded Back to School time...

Kingdom Hearts

Platform: PS2

Rating: PG

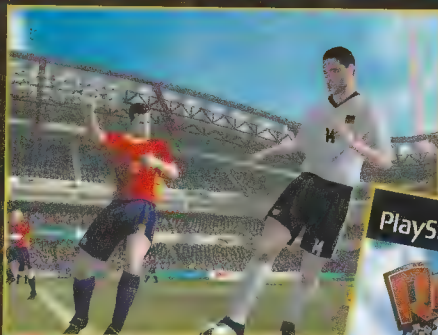
Distributor: Sony

Computer Entertainment

A DMag Hit!



14 year old Sora is transported via a supernatural storm to a distant land, where he sets off on a quest to find his friends. He's joined by some of the most well known Disney heroes and villains, including the Genie from Aladdin, Hades from Hercules and many more.



This is Soccer 2003

Platform: PS2

Rating: G

Distributor: Sony

Computer Entertainment

This game truly feels like an international game - on-screen players even argue with the referee! It's got more than 13,500 real player names, and all their skill attributes and statistics, so you really can create your very own dream team. Cool.

Ratchet & Clank

Platform: PS2

Rating: G

Distributor: Sony

Computer Entertainment

This is a truly bizarre little game - the main two characters being a mechanic and a robot. You get to blow up stuff and collect cool gadgets and weapons along the way to

help save the universe from the evil Blargs. It's fairly weird, but very cute, and we LOVE it.



Haven

Platform: PS2

Rating: G8

Distributor: Acclaim

Young slave Haven must free his people from an ancient tyranny! The graphics on this game are really special, and there's loads of amazing looking alien worlds to explore, where you get to fight, shoot, race and fly!



Star Review

Star Wars: Clone Wars

Platform: GameCube, PS2, Xbox

Rating: G8

Distributor: EA Games

Wow! What a game! Clone Wars takes you through many different exciting parts of the film and gets you hooked right from the start. Each level is quite different - you go from chasing the bad guys across the desert in a speeder, to Padawan training and fending off droids with your lightsabre skills. It's just like being in the movie - you will believe you're a Jedi!

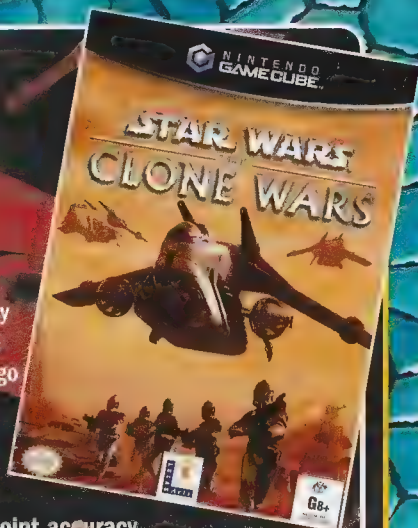
Graphics 9.0 Replicates scenes from the film with pinpoint accuracy.

Sound & Music 9.0 Soundtrack from the film makes the game very exciting.

Control 9.0 Console control doesn't take long to master even for younger players.

Replay Value 10.0 It may only take you a couple of days to complete all levels, but it is so complex and the game-play is so exciting, you will just want to play it over and over again.

Over All 10.0 It's so much fun being a Jedi!



What's Her Face

Create your very own TV show starring the What's Her Face girls. You can create everything from their facial



expressions, outfits, hair styles, locations, props, music - and you even record your own voice!

Barbie Explorer

Explore exotic lands to find lost treasure, solve puzzles, avoid traps along the way to uncover lost gems and missing pieces of the Mystic Mirror

Barbie Groovy Games

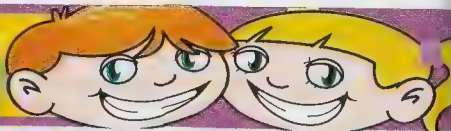
Quite a cool little compilation of games for your GameBoy Advance. Our faves were: tic-tac-toe, bubble machine at the beauty salon, and Groove & Move at the dance club.



GIRLS ONLY!

Ned Kelly

by Mitch



I THINK WE
COULD BE
LOST!



COULD BE!!
WE ARE LOST



AND OUR
SPACESHIP IS
SO FAR AWAY
GROAN!!



COME ON
THIS WAY



DON'T BE SILLY
WE HAVE TO GO
THIS WAY!!



NO DEFINITELY
THIS WAY...



LET'S GO
THEN....



Mitch

Fighting Fantasy Returns!

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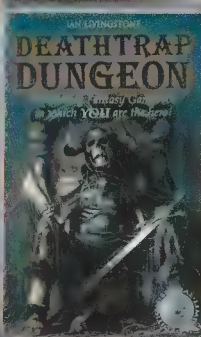
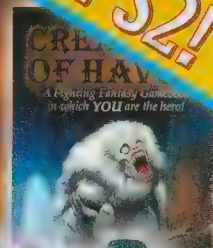
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Three runners up will also win a full set of **Fighting Fantasy** books and a **Deathtrap Dungeon** card game.

To enter, read our extract on page 84 and complete the following: "You spur your horse into a gallop and ride down the hill to flee from the Goblins. You look back and watch them charge over the hill in eager pursuit. In your own story what would happen next? Tell us in 25 - 50 words."

Send your entries to: **Fighting Fantasy Competition**, PO Box 321
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If you haven't experienced a Fighting Fantasy Gamebook then here's your chance! Read on if you dare!

Chapter 148

At long last you reach the final ridge and gaze out across the Windward Plain. You ride on until nightfall and spend a peaceful night in an abandoned hut on the northern bank of Silver River. Not long after dawn, you are back in the saddle and riding towards Yaztromo's tower. You reach your destination by noon and call out excitedly to your old friend as the tower comes into view. But nobody returns your call and the smile drops quickly from your face. You tie your horse to a bush and walk along the path to Yaztromo's door. You notice that his herb garden is brown and withered and ugly bushes with long black thorns have quickly grown up, smothering the plants and herbs. Such a remarkable change in a few days puzzles you. You ring the brass bell but there is no reply. Suddenly, a large crow flies down from a window in the tower and drops a piece of paper to the ground. You pick it



up and read a message from Yaztromo:

**Dear Friend,
Sorry I am not here
to meet you. Am
still busy with
preparations.
Please ride east
where you will find
me at a wooden hut
at the edge of
Darkwood forest.
Yaztromo.**

You tell Symm about the note and then you both hurry back to your horses. As you ride east, you wonder if Yaztromo is in danger. After riding along the edge of the forest for less than a mile, a voice calls you from the trees, saying, 'If you are looking for Yaztromo, I know where to find him.' If you wish to stop and investigate, turn to 237. If you would rather ride on, turn to 68.

Chapter 68

After galloping along the edge of the forest for another two kilometers, you catch sight of the wooden hut set back against the trees. You tie your horses to a nearby tree and then walk warily to the open door. But instead of being greeted by your old friend Yaztromo, two robed skeletons appear at the door. They have sparkling red eyes, which glow eerily, and you realise that they are under the control of another force. They must be Demonic Servants, recruited by Razaak. The two mindless Servants step quickly forward, ready to meet the sharp edge of your swords with their bare hands. You move away from Symm to give yourself more

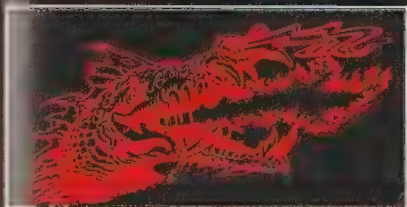
Sorcerer

By Ian Livingstone

room to wield your sword
against one of the Servants.

DEMONIC SERVANT Skill 8 Stamina 7

Fight the Servant as normal,
but if you win two consecutive
Attack Rounds, the spell



eliminating its body will be
broken and it will collapse into
a pile of bones. If you win,
turn to 55.

Chapter 237

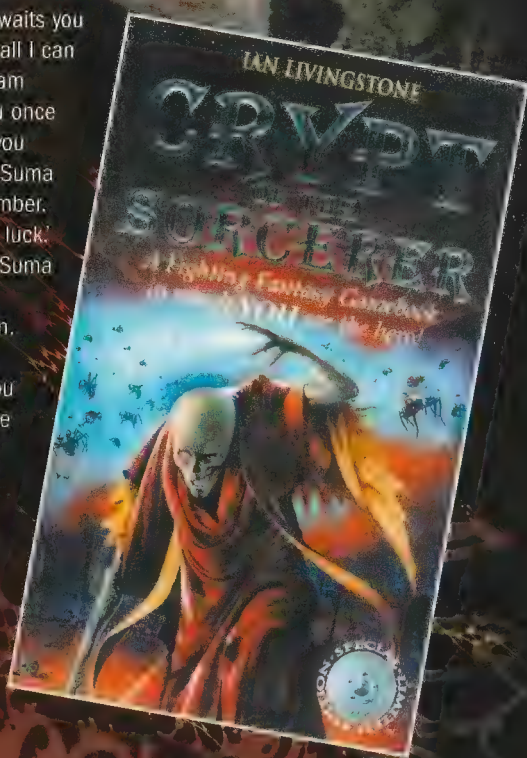
You peer into the forest,
but see nobody.

Suddenly the voice
speaks again, saying, 'No, you
cannot see me, because I am
invisible. I am a Suma, a spirit
from another magical plane.
The Forces of Chaos against
you are great and I felt it my
duty to help you. Tactromo has
been kidnapped by the
servants of Raza-K and taken
him the hut in the forest to be
sacrificed. Ride north from
here into the forest and you will

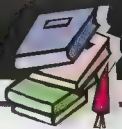
save him. A trap awaits you
at the hut. That is all I can
say to help you. I am
allowed to help you once
more, and should you
need me, call out "Suma
11" - that's my number.
Goodbye and good luck!
You call out to the Suma

for more
information,
but get no
reply. If you
wish to ride
north into
the forest,
turn to

377. If you would
rather ride on to
the wooden hut,
turn to 68.



Would you like to find out what happens at 55, 377 and 68? Then you'll have to grab the book and play! You could always try to win one though - see page 83 for our fabulous Fighting Fantasy promotion.



WORST BEST FRIENDS

By Max Dann

We've all thought about running away at some stage or other. Roger plans to run away to Spain. Things go well until he misses the train to Sydney, falls down an enormous hole and twists his ankle. And as if that isn't bad enough, he's rescued by the school bully and his worst enemy, Ernest Dusting. But the strangest thing of all is that Dusting wants to be friends with him. An action packed read – even better than the TV series it inspired.

Ages 9 to 12

Penguin Books Australia

STEALAWAY

By K.M. Peyton

When Nicky's mum drags him to live at Bloodybow

Castle in country Scotland he's not very impressed – especially when he finds out the place is haunted. I mean you'd think it would be fun having a few ghosts around the place. Well not these ones – they're horses and Nicky soon discovers they're set on revenge for a murder that happened hundreds of years ago. Will he and his American friend Jed be able to solve the



puzzle before something terrible happens? A great ghost story.

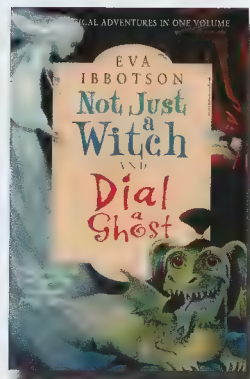
Ages 7 to 11

Macmillan Children's Books

NOT JUST A WITCH AND DIAL A GHOST

By Eva Ibbotson

These two tales about magical matters are lots of fun! In Not Just a



Witch, Heckie has just finished Witches' School where all the witches learn how to make the world a better place. Sound a bit Harry Potterish? It is, but it came before the J.K. Rowling adventures began. Dial a Ghost is equally as mad. Fulton Snodde-Brittle has an evil plan – to hire a ghost from the Dial A Ghost agency to scare his nephew Oliver. His plans are foiled when Oliver discovers he likes the ghosts. Magic!

Ages 8 to 12

Macmillan Children's Books

DOUBLE FUDGE

By Judy Blume

When Pete's younger brother Fudge discovers money at the age of five he becomes obsessed with it. He makes his own Fudge money and dreams

of buying New York City. When his family visits the mint, which is where money is made, Fudge's obsession deepens. Will he ever snap out of it? This boy is BIG trouble! Could he make his older brother's life ANY more painful? It's a double Fudge treat!

Ages 7 to 12

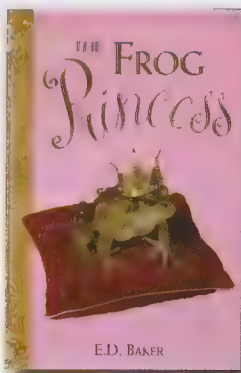
Macmillan Children's Books



THE FROG PRINCESS

By E.D. Baker

Okay so you know the 'princess kisses a toad and turns him into a prince' story? Well this is a funny take on it. It's still set in the past – so Princess Esmerelda gets to wear all those gorgeous gowns – but our heroine isn't your typical fairy tale lass – she's clumsy. Plus she's not so impressed with her life –



her mother is trying to set her up with the young Prince Jorge! So when she kisses a frog she is quite excited that her life turns upside down. A funny fairytale fiasco!

Ages 9 to 12

Allen and Unwin

EGLANTINE

By Catherine Jinks

Another ghost story! Allie's moved to a new house. It's the first time she's had her own room

so she's pretty happy. She's not so impressed though when her brother discovers a ghost in his room and moves back in with her. But who, or what, is scribbling on the walls? Is it really a ghost? A gripping read – see for yourself when you read our extract on page 66.

Ages 9 to 12

Allen and Unwin



WIN! DMAG and Harper Collins have five sets of these fab Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers books to win. To enter, draw us a character from the film!

Send your entry to: LOTR Book Competition, PO Box 321, Terrey Hills NSW 2084. See page 98 for terms and conditions.

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SIMON HIGGINS' LATEST BOOK - THE STALKING ZONE - IS AN ULTIMATE SCARY THRILLER. IT'S ALMOST AS THRILLING AS THE LIFE SIMON LEADS. YOU'LL SOON SEE WHY...

DMAG: What adventures have you been on recently?

Simon: Weird underwater ones with air tanks, my favourite kind. I'm now writing the third in my submarine thriller series that so far is made up of Thunderfish and Under No Flag. They are set in the near future.

Book III will be called In the Jaws of the Sea, and to research part of it, I scuba dived in Australia's Giant Kelp Forest. That's off the coast of south eastern Tasmania.

With local guides, I went 17m down in the middle of winter - that's when the water's clearest. I met weedy sea dragons, a rare form of seahorse, a small shark, and a giant cuttlefish who was very inquisitive. They all came close enough to touch, showing no fear of man.

I didn't touch the shark

- guess those Jaws movies messed me up or something.

DMAG: Do your adventures appear in your books?

Simon: In a way. I often take the full-on adventure moments, especially the intense feelings, and give them to my characters to live through in front of the reader.

For example - Bruce King, terrified (despite his drawn revolver) while facing the killer on the darkened street in Doctor Id, was definitely one such shared experience.

DMAG: You were in the police force - what was that like?

Simon: Nothing like TV most of the time. I agree with the saying that police work is 99% boredom and repetition and 1% sheer terror. Action movies don't reflect real law enforcement.

DMAG: What's the

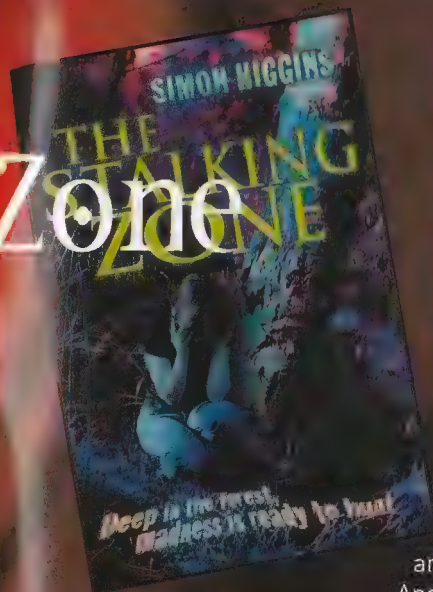


scariest situation you've been in?

Simon: A few, I suppose. Having a knife pulled on me during a violent arrest - I didn't like that. One high-speed chase where we spun out on a corner - way too close for comfort. Finally, I guess, being shot at - even at a distance. The whole 'write books instead' idea just seemed to grow more attractive!

DMAG: We found your latest book, 'The Stalking Zone,' gripping - but quite scary. Where did you get the idea for it?

Zone



Simon: It came from pondering the idea of everybody's 'modern nightmare'.

I deliberately set out to write a mega-tense, bitecha nails crime thriller that would call on that – very reasonable – insecurity many now suffer from...a nightmare fed regularly by The News: 'What if somebody was after me, and they were both armed

and clever.'

And that's part of a writer's job; to help readers share extreme experiences...only without the huge personal cost they'd face in real life.

Maybe to make them look deeper, too. To ask why it all happens, what it means?

DMAG: Cyber-sleuthing plays a big part in your novels – how much of a cyber guru are you?

Simon: Faking. Definitely no Jade or Wing. If in

doubt, I scream for a pedigree geek.

DMAG: What advice do you have for kids who want to be writers?

Simon: Write about what you know, or if that doesn't work, then write about whatever you are obsessed with, even if you haven't done it. Don't expect to get it right first time, and do read books on how to write. Enjoy editing, don't fear it.

When you watch movies and TV, remember you are also watching writing in action. Pull it apart, spot the clichés, recognise what makes the story succeed or fail...do this enough times, while still enjoying the entertainment, and you will own these techniques too.

DMAG and Random House have five sets of three Simon Higgins books to give away.

To enter, tell us an adventure you'd like to go on and send your entries to DMAG Simon Higgins Competition, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084. Note: You must be over 12 to enter this competition to include your birth date with your entry.

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"I know you are not a stag

I didn't hear anyone else's, I felt sick and nervous.

"John," called Mrs Marlo. Dad smiled at the class. "Hello, I'm John's Dad, (duh), and I own Knickers' Knickers."

I expected roars of laughter, but I only heard excited gasps.

Then Dad passed around free undies.

All the Dads got jocks. "Ooh. Saddle Club!" cried Lisa.

"Batman! Awesome!"

cried Jake.

Mrs Marlo got a g-string. In front of kids! My Dad had the loudest clap.

At recess, all the kids came up to me.

"Your Dad's the coolest, John," said Susan.

"Yeah. Mine's a plain builder," said Tori.

I smiled. "Yeah," I said. "My Dad's great."

That night at dinner Dad asked me how he went.

"Excellent Dad," I said.

"Couldn't have been better."

"Good," he said. "Then you won't mind me teaching the class how to recycle undies!"

Glenn and Jess have each won a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher plus they've gone in the running to win our grand prize for 2003 - \$1000 cash!

Congratulations to Jess Coates from NSW who won the \$1000 cash for 2002!

the Bunyip

but you are part stag."

It was true, Gordon did have antlers on his head just like a stag.

"Follow the magic stream. It will lead you to the temple of the great bunyip, he will be able to tell you about your family and why you have no friends," said the Stag.

Then the ghost stag disappeared in a flash of light. So Gordon followed the magic stream just like the stag had suggested and soon he arrived at a mysterious looking temple. He guessed that

this must be the temple of the great bunyip, he went inside and found himself

face to face with none other than the great bunyip.

"Why hello Gordon how are you?"

"How do you know my name?" replied Gordon.

"I am the great bunyip, I know everyone's name."

"Oh, I wasn't aware of that," said Gordon. "Anyway, could you please tell me where I come from?"

"You come from the hidden forest."

"No that's where I live now," said Gordon.

"I mean," said the great bunyip, "that the forest created you - you where created to protect the hidden forest."

"But how will I protect it, I don't know how to?"

"Of course you know how, why just last year you got rid of a gang of

termites that were going to eat every tree if you hadn't

stopped them," said the great bunyip.

"I believe you're right. I did stop those termites didn't I? So I am the protector," replied Gordon.

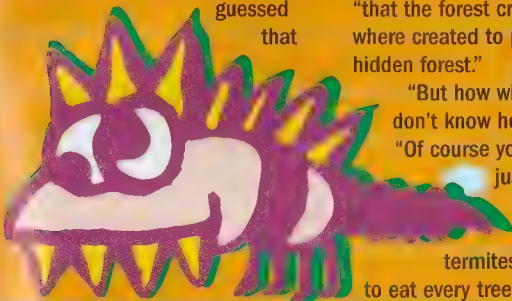
"That's right," said the great bunyip.

"Well I'll see you some other time," said Gordon

"Goodbye," yelled out the great bunyip as Gordon left the temple.

After that Gordon was happier than he'd ever been in his entire life, he had finally learned why he existed in life. He just couldn't believe it - him, the protector of the hidden forest!

It was starting to get dark, so Gordon went over to his hollow tree house and into bed. He was so glad that the stag had come to tell him about the great bunyip because if he hadn't Gordon would never have found the answer to the question that had been sitting in his mind for years. Then Gordon went off to sleep and lived happily ever after.



WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Jess Coates of NSW who won \$1000 for her fabulous story 'How Vangella the Vampire got Funky'. As well as winning all that cash, Jess won \$5000 worth of books for her school! How fantastic is that!!!



But don't despair, there's another \$1000 up for grabs this year in our 2003 National Writing Competition, which is sponsored by

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- 2) Stories should be typed or neatly hand-written on A4 paper.
- 3) Illustrations are welcome!
- 4) Try to keep to the word limit. Your story will be edited so that we can fit in all the best bits.

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Angela Anaconda

Reading is
really cool...



(WHICH NANETTE
MANOIR IS NOT)



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Angela Anaconda: Duelling

By Kent Redeker

Wahoo, we've got a sneak peek of Angela's diary! Too bad we also get to see Nanette Manoir's... aah well they're both funny. Enjoy!

Dear Diary,

I know you probably won't believe me, but I actually had a **goOd** day at school today. And that is on account of Mrs Brinks was out **sick!** We had a



substitute teacher named Geri Klump, who actually was a teacher who actually **liked** me on account of she had so many **freckles** like me. She even sat with me and Johnny and Gina at lunch! Maybe Mrs Brinks will **never** get better, or

decide to **retire** or something and then Geri will be here **all the time!**

P.S. That's what she lets us call her... Geri!



Good-bye,
Mrs Brinks! Have a nice
retirement!

Diaries



Dearest Diary,

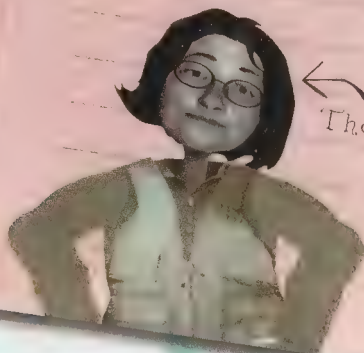
Today was unbearable! Mrs Brinks was taken ill and they replaced her with some horrid substitute, named Klump. (What kind of name is that?)

I don't see how the school board can allow such incompetent individuals in the classroom. I hope Mrs Brinks gets well, and soon! Maybe Mummsy and Daddy are right, maybe we should consider Swiss boarding school, after all.

The irreplaceable Mrs Brinks →



← The horrid Klump



Dear Diary,

Josephine Praline says that I should try to be **Nicer** to Ninnie Wart. So I am trying to think of things that are nice about Nanette to put in a list.

MY LIST OF
GOOD THINGS ABOUT
NINNIE WART:

1. She's not a twin.
2. She doesn't have a clone.
3. There's only one of her.

Josephine

Ninnie-Wart

Lost!

please do
NOT
find

"Hey, Ninnie, do
you want half of my
ANT sandwich?"



Dearest Diary,

It occurred to me that not everyone may know all the good things about me. Like for instance...

MY LIST OF GOOD THINGS ABOUT MYSELF:

1. My sparkling blue eyes
2. My exquisite eyelashes
3. My perfect golden curls
4. The way I wear my beret just right
5. My lush alto-soprano voice
6. The flawless way I perform my arabesque
7. The dimples on the backs of my knees
8. My petite ankles
9. My ability to properly place a napkin across my lap...

Sorry, Ninnie-Poo.

I hate to interrupt, but I realise that this list could go on for, like, seventeen more pages, and the editors of this book are worried that we will not have enough paper to print it all!



DMAG and ABC Books have ten copies of Angela Anaconda's Duelling Diaries to give away. To enter, draw us a picture of Angela and send it in to DMAG's Angela Anaconda Comp, PO Box 321 Terrey Hills NSW 2084.

GHOSTLY WORDS

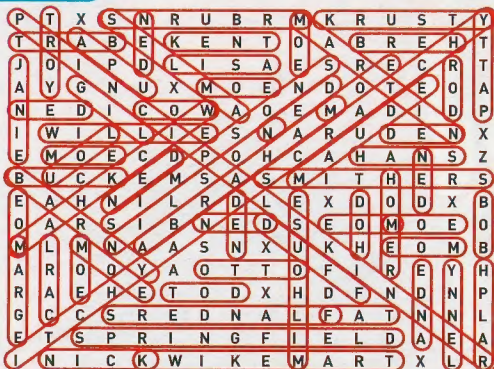
The hidden words are as follows:
ghost, fear, bone, monstrous, terror, imp, grave, fool,
skull and blood.



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SOCK IT TO ME

Here are the six odd socks that will have to be thrown away:



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GHOSTLY WORDS

Ten words are hidden
in this puzzle. Can
you find them all?
They may run
in any direction,
even upwards or
diagonally, but always
in a straight line.



These are my ten
favourite words!

His greatest gift is about to come out of the box thanks to a pair of sneakers

LIKE MIKE

thanks to a pair of magic shoes!

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